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(Mexico)
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(Brazil)
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(Australia)

WAR OF WORDS

By Bert van Bedaf

A war of words has broken out between South Melbourne and Carlton after South coach Ange Postecoglou chastised the Melbourne media for lack of coverage of his team in favour of Carlton's beer garden at its opening match. He also questioned the quality of Carlton's three British visa players, describing them as "hacks", as reported in ABSW last week.

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CARLTON STUNNED BY SLATER INJURY

Management and players of Carlton Soccer Club have been stunned by the news yesterday morning (Monday) that star English recruit Stuart Slater has been sidelined, having injured his knee in a freak training accident on Saturday.

Slater tripped over another player's leg and realised immediately that some damage had been done. The injury was being examined by specialists yesterday morning.

General Manager Lou Sticca said: "It really does seem the gods are against us. First we lose Simon Colosimo for who ever knows how long, and now this. At this stage it isn't clear if the injury is minor or major, but what we do know is that Stuart is an enormously talented and very exciting player, who we were convinced would set the game alight over here. Now those hopes have to be put on hold until we know what the doctors say. We all feel very sorry for Stuart, but whatever happens the club will be stand-

ing by him in any way we can. He took a punt on us coming over from England, and he's been an inspirational colleague in the short time he's been with us. Now he and his family will experience a solid dose of good old Aussie mateship."

The injury is cruel timing for the club, which was overjoyed by their team's on-field performance on Sunday night, where they thrashed leading team Marconi Stallions 4-0 away from home in Sydney. "Talk about highs and lows," said Sticca.

"From the joy of possibly the best on-field performance I've ever seen from Carlton, to waking up this morning having to console a young man who is obviously worried. That's just soccer, I'm afraid."

Of course, Sticca's delight in the weekend results was only heightened by the fact that Carlton's third goal at the weekend came from star recruit, former Glasgow Rangers star and Scottish international Dave McPherson.

STOP PRESS

Australia has lost its second
match against Uruguay 2-1.

Jade North scored
Australia's goal right on
half-time.

Full report, next week.

STOP PRESS

RICHARD KREIDER reports
that Perth based players' agent
Gary Williams yesterday
(Monday) said that Adelaide
Force goalkeeper Jason
Petkovic is likely to sign for
English Division One club
Charlton on Thursday.

SIMUNIC & SCHWARZER TO WEAR THE GREEN & GOLD

By Richard Kreider

The saga of Joe Simunic may yet have a happy ending, as far as Socceroo coach Frank Farina is concerned with the sensational news that the tall 22 year old sweeper has turned his back on Croatia national representation in order to represent the Socceroos in the up and coming series against Brazil.

It is believed Middlesborough custodian Mark Schwarzer who had previously turned his back on national representation has also had a change of heart.

Farina has a pleasant problem in terms of first-class goalkeepers with Mark Bosnich, John Filan, Zeljko Kalac and the Petkovic brothers Jason and Michael all in the running.

Simunic, who has been with Bundesliga

club Hamburg SV for the past 18 months, has reportedly been having discussions with Farina and told him he now wants to wear the gold and green of Australia, his place of birth.

Both his parents were born in Croatia. Simunic was last week given an offer to play with the Croatia Under-21 side against Yugoslavia in a European Under-21 championship but declined saying he wanted to keep his options open. He is currently overcoming a serious foot injury. The former Melbourne Knights player, made 33 NSL appearances and scored three goals during seasons 1995/96 and 1996/97.

Meanwhile, Paul Agostino and David Zdrilic have also been contacted by Farina for the November clashes in Sydney and Melbourne.

AUSTRALIA 1-1 WITH URUGUAY

The Australian Under-17 soccer team has begun its month long tour of South America with a 1-1 all draw with the Uruguayan Under-17s in Montevideo last Friday

The LG Joeys, who are using this tour as preparation for the World Youth Cup to be played in New Zealand next month, went down a goal in the 18th minute, a defensive lapse capitalized on by the Uruguayans.


The Australians settled the game down, but were unable to find the target in the first half, Adelaide Force striker Louis Brain having his shot saved in the 20th

minute and heading wide five minutes later.

The second half also saw squandered chances, Lucas Pantelis setting up Scott McDonald from a free kick on the edge of the area, to see the shot saved, and Dylan Macallister hitting the left upright in the 56th minute.

It took until 2 minutes from full time for the LG Joeys to finally put a score on the board, Werder Bremen's Joe Di Iorio volleying in a cross from Jade North in the 88th minute, to level proceedings 1-1.

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	Adelaide Force	Auckland Kingz	Brisbane	Canberra	Carlton	Gippsland	Marconi	Melbourne K	Newcastle	Northern Spirit	Parramatta	Perth Glory	Sth Melbourne	Sydney Olympic	Sydney United	Wollongong
Adelaide Force	X	⁹ / ₁₃	20	15	5	32	19	34	¹⁸ / ₂₆	30	2-1	22	7	28	24	11
Auckland Kingz	²⁷ / ₃₁	X	33	14	0-3	10	29	12	22	26	16	18	1-0	24	20	⁵ / ₇
Brisbane Strikers	2-1	19	X	21	7	¹¹ / ₃₄	17	15	28	⁴ / ₃₂	5	24	9	30	26	13
Canberra Cosmos	3-0	32	0-1	X	²⁴ / ₂₈	19	34	18	9	13	22	5	26	⁰⁻¹ / ₁₁	7	30
Carlton	23	15	25	⁶ / ₁₀	X	1-1	21	4	13	17	8	27	³⁰ / ₃₂	19	11	34
Gippsland Falcons	14	28	¹⁶ / ₂₉	33	20	X	12	31	5	9	¹⁸ / ₂₄	0-1	22	7	1-1	26
Marconi Stallions	33	11	18	16	0-4	30	X	14	24	⁷ / ₂₈	15	²⁰ / ₃₁	5	26	22	9
Melbourne Knights	16	30	0-1	17	22	13	32	X	7	11	20	⁰⁻³ / ₂₆	24	9	⁵ / ₃₃	28
Newcastle Breakers	⁸ / ₁₇	4	10	27	31	23	6	25	X	21	29	12	¹⁶ / ₃₃	15	14	2-2
Northern Spirit	12	8	¹⁴ / ₂₂	31	18	27	²⁵ / ₁₀	¹⁰ / ₂₉	0-2	X	33	16	20	5	15	24
Parramatta Power	21	34	23	4	26	⁶ / ₁₇	1-1	2-1	11	19	X	7	28	13	⁹ / ₃₀	32
Perth Glory	4	17	6	23	9	15	³⁻³ / ₁₃	⁸ / ₂₁	30	34	25	X	11	32	28	19
South Melbourne	25	21	27	8	¹² / ₁₄	4	23	6	¹⁹ / ₃₄	2-0	29	10	X	17	31	15
Sydney Olympic	10	6	12	²⁰ / ₂₉	33	25	8	27	2-2	23	31	14	18	X	34	⁴ / ₂₁
Sydney United	6	2-1	8	25	29	21	4	¹⁹ / ₂₃	32	0-2	¹² / ₂₇	10	13	16	X	18
Wollongong Wolves	29	²³ / ₂₅	31	12	16	8	27	10	20	6	14	33	2-1	⁰⁻⁴ / ₂₂	17	X
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BREAKERS OUT TO DETHRONE KINGZ

By John Economos

The Newcastle Breakers — undefeated after three rounds — this Friday night come up against the Auckland Kingz who will be making their first journey to the Breakers' Stadium.

The Breakers, who last Friday night pulled off a magnificent 0-2 win over the star studded Northern Spirit, are quietly confident that they will more than handle the best that the Kiwis can dish out.



Travis Dodd: Faces a fitness test on Thursday.



Lee Sterrey: Breakers' Hungrily ambitious coach.

Lee Sterrey, the Breakers' coach, despite being quietly confident in his team, stated last night to ABSW: "Look, the Kingz despite being the new blokes on the block, last Sunday took out the Australian League champions (South) 1-0 in Auckland.

"What does that tell you?

"They can be VERY dangerous, that's what. It was a huge result for them on Sunday.

"They lost both of their first two matches of the season, then bounced back to win against our National League champions.

"The Kingz have heaps of experi-

ence with some seven internationals in their squad. So don't worry about that, they will put up a big fight when they come up here to play us."

But then Sterrey quickly switched to remind everyone: "As for us, well after our great away (0-2) win last Friday night in Sydney against the Northern Spirit, we're ready to put up a good fight again.

"Newcastle faithfuls should flock to the Breakers' Stadium this Friday night to see us take on the might of New Zealand."

The only real problem Sterrey may have as far as in the injury department, is in his newly signed defender Travis Dodd.

The former South Australian has some concern with his hamstring.

Sterrey last night could shed no more light than to consider Dodd as being only a 50-50 chance of making Newcastle's starting line up on Friday.

Should Dodd fail a fitness test on Thursday at training, Sterrey is more than likely to swing into action the energetic Glenn Moore.

Sterrey then went on to add: "In this game Newcastle must stamp its home ground authority.

"If we can do that, we will take all the three points," stressed Sterrey.

The Kiwis last Sunday defeated South in Auckland through a goal scored in the 32nd minute by

Chilean import Aaron Silva.

In a match that threatened to turn torrid, Australian referee Mark Shield was forced to flash no less than eight cards, including a red to South' Robert Liparoti on the hour mark.

As well, South were shown four yellows cards, all in the second session.

Newcastle's young side has been firing on all cylinders so far this season.

Greatly inspired by highly experienced striker Andy Harper, together

with giant and evergreen goalkeeper Bobby Catlin who also again is in scintillating form between the uprights, the Breakers have rapidly developed into a very competitive unit.

The Breakers last Friday were so well organised and disciplined at the back, galvanised by some very competitive and hungry tackling from all their midfielders, the Novocastrians ultimately proved far too defiant for the Spirit to break down.

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October 24 & 31st

Under 14
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October 25 & 30th

Under 15
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October 23 & 30th

Under 16
Tuesdays at 6.00pm
October 19, 26 & Nov 2nd

Under 17
Sundays at 9.00am
October 24 & 31st

Under 18
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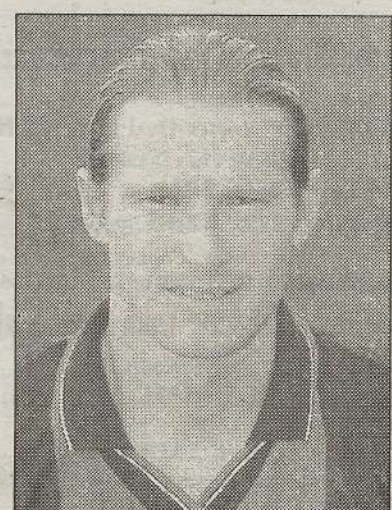
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Friday 29th October	U/15s
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The Good Oil ... The Good Oil

Four players last week-end became 'NSL-Centurions' as each racked up his 100th appearance in the League with mixed fortunes.

Shane Pryce last Friday night gloriously celebrated his 100th appearance in the NSL when the Novocastrian skipper compounded his personal joy by gallantly leading the Breakers to an outstanding and most valuable 0-2 victory at North Sydney Oval over the Northern Spirit.

The diligent free back solidly marshalled his defence, especially in the second session as the wounded Spirit pounded the Breakers' backline desperate to 'balance the books'.

Clayton Zane, the Spirit's lanky striker, in vast contrast, had a far from happy night in the same match, although he also rattled up his NSL 'ton'.

First Clayton tragically broke his wrist in the second session, and then his team ultimately plunged to an unexpected 0-2 defeat in what was his last home match prior to flying out next week to join Norwegian side Molde F.K.

Scotty Thomas, Sydney Olympic's industrious midfielder or 'tracker', had a happy night last Saturday at Brandon Park, not only in getting his 'ton', but also being heavily involved in his team that cruised to a 0-4 win over a disappointing Wollongong Wolves, largely via a spectacular hat-trick from his stylish team-mate Pablo Cardozo.



Shane Pryce: Knocked up his 100th cap in the NSL last Friday night.

Tommy Pondelj, Sydney United's mobile attacker, topped his 100 NSL game in an away 1-1 draw against the Gippsland Falcons, but failed to score, leaving the honours to midfielder Ante Moric.

The Melbourne Knights late last week announced the appointment of a new member on the Knights' Board.

Ms Sally Zovak, a lawyer with the firm Graham Sievers & Lee, has worked for several community service-legal organisations. Ms Zovak is a lecturer at the Victorian School of Languages.



Club president Mr Tony Karlusic said: "Ms Zovak will bring valuable experience and perspectives to our Board and her appointment to the Board is part of our sweeping plan to rebuild the Club and position it to confidently face the future."

Clayton Zane, the Northern Spirit's giant goalscorer has been signed by Norwegian club Molde F.K.

The 21 year old Zane made a most unhappy farewell home appearance last Friday night against the Newcastle Breakers, before his departure for Norway, by breaking his wrist in the second half.

The Spirit is believed to have grossed a \$700,000 transfer fee for Zane who has signed a four year contract with Molde F.K.



Clayton Zane: Off to Norway next week.

The Newcastle Breakers will also get a slice of the action, (20% in fact) being Zane's former club before linking up with the Spirit last season.

"Playing for the Spirit has been pretty amazing over the last year or so. When I originally signed for the Spirit there were many questions what the Club was going to do and how good it would be.

"What this Club has done for Soccer in Australia is great and I'm very grateful they gave me the chance to be part of something that has been very special and I'll always remember," stated Zane.

Both Perth and the Latrobe Valley have left most other cities for dead when it comes to giving Live coverage to Soccer.

Perth's radio journalist Soccer man, Peter Vlahos, saddles up with former Australian World Cup captain John Warren to broadcast Live all of Perth Glory's away matches. Dedication and service for the Soccer fan, or what?

Meanwhile RADIO

By John Economos

STATION 3 GCR-Fm (Gippsland FM) is another hard at work. 3 GCR-FM is the only English speaking station in Victoria to broadcast the National Soccer League this season, calling all of the Falcons' away games.

At home matches the Station will not do Live broadcasts, but will provide pre, as well as post, game comments with regular updates.



John Warren: Perth Radio Soccer analyst.

3 GCR-FM has for the past seven seasons been diligently broadcasting Gippsland Falcons' Soccer games. This season former Perth radio man Laurie Williams, is a commentator with Peter Cefela.

On Friday nights, the same Station does a Soccer programme at 9.30pm on the Falcons with guests and players invited to the studios.

Recently a car full of young louts was driving south down the F3 Highway to Sydney from Newcastle with another car behind, carrying Soccer players.

'Good Oil' knew that all the passengers in Car 2 were Newcastle Breakers players and were all heading back to Sydney after a home match.

A passenger in the speeding Car 1, all of a sudden wound down his window and hurled an empty water bottle out onto the Highway.

Car 2 spotted the flying bottle being diced and came to a screeching halt where the bottle had landed.

A high profiled and most excellent Soccer player from Car 2, jumped out, raced over and picked up the bottle, and took it back to his car before driving off again for Sydney. Neutral Bay in fact.

What dedicated consideration for safety and the environment.

And you wonder why he's a star player?

A FIREWORKS DISPLAY will again take place this Friday night at the Parramatta Stadium before the Power takes on Tommy Sermanni's vastly improved, the Canberra Cosmos.

The Parramatta Power officials have also organised



some attractive prizes for kids attending the big game and for being the best dressed in 'Power' colours.

Peter Dwyer of the Brisbane Strikers, made an incredible return from the Gold Coast to the NSL this season after having stopped playing in the NSL when he was with the Brisbane Lions when they were in the League.

After an absence of 11 years and 134 days from the NSL, Dwyer a striker, not only made his return back into the NSL, but amazingly scored the solitary and winning goal for John Kosmina's Strikers in Round 1 to dent the Melbourne Knights.

Must be some record? No it ain't.



David Mitchell: Longest break from the NSL—11 years 147 days.

The Parramatta Power's coach and former Australian World Cup striker David Mitchell holds

the record longest absence from the NSL by making a comeback to the League with Sydney Olympic after 11 years and 147 days, following his career in Europe.

Others with long breaks from the NSL were:

Lou Hristodoulou (West Adelaide-11 years 28 days), Jimmy Patikas (Sydney United 10 years 142 days) and Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic 10 years 80 days).

Frank Baroni, Marconi's long serving Vice President after having watched his beloved team crash to a 0-4 against Carlton last Sunday night at the Marconi Stadium, heard 'Good Oil' express some concern for Marconi coach Eddie Kmecevic.

Mr Baroni quipped back: "Don't feel sorry for Eddie, he's young and he will recover quickly. Feel sorry for me who is not so young and doesn't have so much time to recover."

Last Friday afternoon in Sydney, some real heated words were exchanged between two NSL club officials.

The subject matter? Money of course.

Official No 1 (a Director) had during the middle of the week screwed down Official No 2 (a general manager) to accept lesser money on a player's deal that had previously been contractually agreed upon.

In fact No 1 screwed No 2 down by 50% on a deal agreed upon last year.

Reluctantly, Official No 2, (a real gentleman), finally came down and agreed to accept the lower 'cut'. Half the initial amount, remember.

But last Friday, the

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greedy Official No 1, attempted to further screw down Official No 2, to accept an even lower 'cut'. In fact, half as much down yet again.

Gentleman No 1, who was Official No 2, got his back up and stated an emphatic— "No way."

Official No 1, lunatically flared up, and even threatened to throw visiting No 2 out of his office.

When No 2 did the 'Gibraltar' and flatly refused to budge and be further fleeced on the deal, five hours later, No 1 reluctantly relented and the 'deal' was finally settled.

Strange you might say. Especially when No 2 had original documentation, clearly stating a figure to be paid to his Club which was double the amount his Club will now actually receive.

But this is certainly NOT the first time that such 'welching' on 'agreed deals' has happened between two clubs in Australia.

Just recently, during the NSL off season in fact, another such incident transpired as one club 'welched' out on a contractual deal at the expense of a smaller club.

Honour amongst our Soccer administrators?

'Good Oil' just wonders what Ali Baba would think about the ethics of some of our NSL clubs.

◆◆◆
Alvin Ceccoli, Wollongong Wolves' tough attacking defender, is really in the news of late, but on the other side.

He and his wife Eva, have recently taken over a newsagency which means no more late nights for Alvin.

For now Wollongong's left wingback kicks off his day as early as 4am to organise his shop as well as do the deliveries of the various newspapers and magazines.



Alvin Ceccoli: Amongst the news from now on.

◆◆◆
Paul Agostino, the almost forgotten but exceptionally skilled goalscorer

playing in the German League with 1860 Munich, recently rifled in an amazing seven goals in a friendly match against amateur side Schoerzingen, to heavily contribute to his team's lofty 16-0 win.

Even more amazingly, Agostino the former West Adelaide goal ace, didn't score a single header, despite his incredible aerial super talents.

Australia's Olympic coach Raul Blanco, a big fan of Agostino, has always monitored the young Australian's European career and may even draft him in to line up against Brazil next month.

◆◆◆
Darwin raised goalkeeper Jonathon Lihou was last week snapped up by Adelaide City's Zoran Matic on contract.

The teenage 'glovesman' was signed from local side White City Woodville.

Regular keeper Jason Petkovic has in recent weeks been stuck in England arduously trialling at various clubs, including of late, Southampton.

But the super talented international custodian could experience problems obtaining a work permit, even if he's

By John Economos

able to crack a contract.

Meanwhile Matic last Friday night selected his 'favourite son' Aurelio Vidmar in the midfield to do battle against the visiting Parramatta Power, a battle won 2-1 by the 'Black and Whites', to earn them their very first League points of the new season.

This in fact was Vidmar's very first appearance at home, the Hindmarsh Stadium, since 1991.

Vidmar last appeared at the Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide City's preliminary final loss to South Melbourne in April 1991 before



Aurelio Vidmar: Back at Hindmarsh Stadium for first win.

embarking on his eight year European career that yielded him mixed fortunes.

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Tommy Sermanni, has bolstered his side the Canberra Cosmos with the signing of two Scottish pros, David Winnie and Brian Hamilton.

Winnie is a midfielder whilst Hamilton is a defender.

Both Scots have just completed contracts with Scandinavian clubs (Winnie in Iceland and Hamilton in Sweden).

At a press conference tomorrow morning (Wednesday), the affable Sermanni is expected to unveil his two new imports to the media.

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Sydney United this Sunday has lined up a huge Bucking Bronco competition to take place at the Sydney United Sports Centre prior to the main game starting at 3pm, ironically against neighbouring side, the Marconi Stallions.

United will invite spectators at the ground to see who can remain the longest on the electronic Bronco.

The final of the Bronco competition will culminate at 2.30pm.

Prizes for winners include

mobile phones and United autographed Soccer jerseys.

Two far more sedate jumping castles have been organised for the children whilst the Sydney United cheer girls will assist in

entertaining the crowd at halftime.

The Youth game between United and Marconi starts at 11.30am.

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IT'S UP TO MELBOURNE FANS

By Bert van Bedaf

Not since the traditional days, when Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick United Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas were the dominant soccer names in Melbourne has the blowtorch been applied more fiercely to the re-invented clubs' bellies than today.



The Melbourne Knights (still Croatian backed, but aiming for a wider Western suburbs supporter base) and South Melbourne (trying to dilute its Greek image in favor of a larger backing) are in a post-migrant renewal phase.

Carlton (three years in the making on the old Juventus foundations, but these days imbued with a British flavour) is no longer the new outfit on the block.

It is Melbourne's second attempt (after the failed Collingwood Warriors) at creating a so-called "non-aligned,

mainstream club that can draw spectators from all walks of Melbourne to its Friday night matches at Olympic Park.

Carlton is moulded on the Perth Glory, Northern Spirit and Parramatta Power templates. Soccer is treated as entertainment. Anglo-Saxon/Celtic is regarded the cultural mainstream that should attract the largest audience.

Both ingredients work in Perth and Sydney. But Melbourne's Anglo-connected communities are yet to turn up to a Carlton match in significant numbers.

Carlton attracts a modest crowd of 3,000. It needs 5,000-plus. Its interstate counterparts set records. Perth is the pace-setter, going on 20,000. The Spirit moves into the 15,000 bracket.

Newcomer Parramatta



hovers around 8,000. It should be possible at Carlton as well, because you've got to hand it to the entrepreneurial club.

They put the zip into the off-field entertainment.

What more should clubs do to attract bigger crowds, apart from putting on winning performances?

After the Knights' back-to-back national titles in the mid-1990s, South Melbourne put Melbourne again on the map with national championships in the last two



seasons, leaving Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth for dead.

With so much competition coming from Sydney and Perth, Melbourne needs three successful clubs in the national league and crowd figures are a vital measure for Soccer Australia. All Melbourne clubs need solid attendances.

Supporters need to put individual club loyalties aside and put Melbourne first, when a local club plays at home.

Every local soccer fan should turn up to support the home team against the interstate visitor. It should not matter whether you're a South Melbourne, Carlton or Knights supporter.

When a Melbourne club does battle with an interstate club, fans should get behind the local team. It's

a sure way of keeping Melbourne the sporting capital of Australia.

NEWS FROM THE 'GONG

By Otto Bader

The recent Grand Final of the Illawarra Soccer Association Premier League at Brandon Park attracted over 5500 spectators.

Not many local district soccer bodies would report such good response, indicating that the Wollongong area is able to supply an endless pool of young talent as possible National League prospects.

Wolves coach Nick Theodorakopoulos is fully aware of this aspect. This year he has this year seven locally developed players in his squad.

According to the Wolves



Youth grade development director Stuart Beedie, a real soccer diamond is coming through the youth program in 14 years old Jae Lucas.

A midfielder player, Lucas was selected despite his young age into the Wolves youth team (Under-20s).

The coach expects great things from this raw talent, most likely the youngest youth grade player picked, at least for Wollongong.

GLORIOUS EXIT FOR WEST AD.

By Allan Crisp

West Adelaide mustered all of its renowned fighting spirit to exit from the South Australian soccer scene with a come from behind 2-1 Federation Cup final win over Elizabeth City Rams at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday.

Ironically, the once great club added this final trophy to its huge list of sporting laurels while vanquished Elizabeth have yet to win any major league or cup honours.

Many former champion West players were among the 2000 crowd which gathered to watch the current wearers of the blue and white shirts bid a glorious, yet sad farewell to the bankrupt club.

Elizabeth coach Alby Kidd harboured mixed feelings before and after the final because the former Scottish professional also coached and played for West, under the old Hellas banner.

The Rams deservedly grabbed the initiative six minutes before half-time when Danny Reynolds broke through the centre of the West defence to slant the ball past Bill Petropoulos in the West goal.

But with West player-coach Airtion Andrioli on from the start of the second half to fire the midfield, the underdog levelled as Harry Skoumbros accepted a pass from George Tsonis to beat Rams goalkeeper Ben Moore.

A cheeky back-heeler from Andrioli found substitute Vass Daskalos, whose pass to John Spatharos was belted home from inside the box by the lively midfielder.

That historic goal came in the 78th minute. Elizabeth's stocks fell further with the departure through injury of ace sweeper Andy Thomson eight minutes from the final whistle.

The 1999 success brought West's tally of Federation Cup triumphs to three, adding to its 10 SA League titles, 11 Ampol Cup (night series) wins, 1993 National Youth League championship and its crowning glory — the 1978 Philips League NSL triumph.

Allan Crisp can be heard on 5RPH (1197AM) with John Perin and Robbie Popplestone on Tuesdays from 7.30am-9am.

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-16	Group 2	Lebanon	0	Australia	2
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+35	Group 1	Chile	0	Argentina	0
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AA	Group 1	Chile	1	Lebanon	3

Sunday 17 October

+35	Group 3	Perú	3	Portugal	0
-16	Group 1	Turkey	1	Uruguay	2
+35	Group 3	Uruguay	2	South Africa	0
AA	Group 3	Turkey	8	Romania	1
AA	Group 2	Spain	9	Malta Gozo	0
AA	Group 4	Australia	5	Malta	0

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Saturday 23 October

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4.00pm	AA	Group 4	Australia	v	China
6.00pm	AA	Group 1	Chile	v	Macedonia

Saturday 16 October

11.00am	+35	Group 2	Turkey	v	Korea
12.30pm	-16	Group 1	Uruguay	v	Portugal (Round 3)
2.00pm	-16	Group 1	Chile	v	Turkey
3.30pm	AA	Group 2	Cyprus	v	Spain
5.30pm	AA	Group 4	Ireland	v	Malta

WAR OF WORDS

SOUTH AND CARLTON GO HEAD TO HEAD

Continued from page 1

As national champion and Oceania title holder, going to Brazil to compete in the world cup for clubs, South expected to hit headlines greater than AFL heights. They didn't and South coach Ange Postecoglou erupted.

"All I've been reading about is a beer garden. It annoys me. And don't we have the talent here? 'Maybe I've got to put a few hacks together (referring to Carlton's three 30-plus British players),' Postecoglou said.

Carlton general manager Lou Sticca reacted immediately.

"With great respect to a man that has achieved

for Carlton and the efforts we are making to bring soccer to a wider audience in Melbourne. If they can't think of anything new over at South there's no need to take a swipe at us.

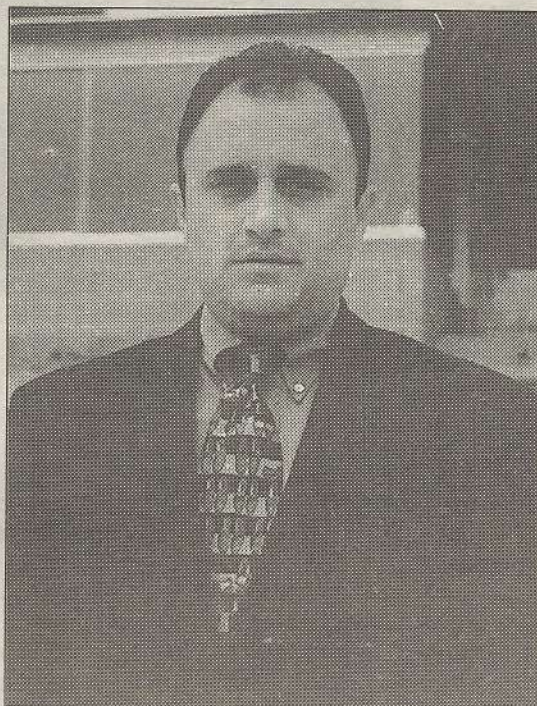
"As for his implied criticism that we are relying on older imported players, that's a disgrace. Frankly, it's just sour grapes. Of course we've been trumpeting the fact that we've signed players like Dave McPherson, who's played 27 games for Scotland.

"Does he think the huge reservoir of British soccer supporters in this town don't want to see players like McPherson?

"Of course, we're proud of having signed Stuart Slater, who is one of the most exciting left-sided midfielders playing today. Does he think we shouldn't beat the drum about a player who'd be in the English Premiership now if he hadn't signed for us?

"At Carlton — in the senior squad — we've got the best crop of young Australian players on any club's books, bar none. And that includes South Melbourne.

"Our Soccer Academy has at least half a dozen



Lou Sticca: Carlton's boastful general manager.

youngsters in it who have the potential to play at the top level anywhere in the world. And we've got the best feeder club system in the NSL — it's the envy of many clubs.

"To imply that we're trying to drum up a bit of business by importing overseas hacks — that's

his word, not mine — is an insult not only to our senior players but to everyone else in the organization.

"Frankly, I think South know that we're putting together not only a winning team on the park but also off it. OK, our first crowd was poor, but let's face it, no-one

predicted we were going to be up against sixty thousand plus going to see a special event (Australia-Ireland mixed-rules game) at the MCG. I expect we'll get plenty more at our next home game. We are happy to build a loyal base slowly. We've only been going for two years, after all!"

Sticca made a bold prediction on the future of soccer in Melbourne.

"Soccer interest is booming, but in terms of live attendance at games it's also a dog eat dog world. Bluntly, I'm not even sure there's room for three teams in Melbourne, and there might not be three for that much longer.

"Certainly on-field



performance is vital, and South are to be congratulated on their last couple of years, but to survive into the next century clubs are going to have to be much more aggressive in their marketing and much more imaginative in the product they deliver the public.

"You can see what happens when a club gets it right with Spirit and Glory, and we're going to do it right too," Sticca said.

By Bert Van Bedaf



Angie Postecoglou: Critical of the media.

SOCCER ON RADIO

The "Soccer Club" Radio Show airs on 2000FM every Sunday night from 10pm - 11pm.

The Sydney-based community radio station can be found on 98.5FM and reaches as far as Nowra in the south, the Blue Mountains in the west and Gosford in the north.

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THE NUMBERS GAME BEGINS

FOUR NSL TEAMS LIKELY TO BE AXED NEXT YEAR

By Bert van Bedaf

It has been on the cards for so long the final admittance has come as no surprise. Soccer Australia will reduce the National Soccer League from its current 16 to 12 teams next season and there will be a national league second division.

"Twelve teams seems to be the preferred number," Soccer Australia chairman Basil Scarsella said a few weeks ago.

The immediate observation is there will be a desperate scramble at the bottom end of the NSL ladder.

Clubs springing to mind as likely relegation victims are Gippsland Falcons and Sydney United. Last season's bottom team Canberra Cosmos scored a surprise 3-0 win over Adelaide

Force in the opening round, but they'll have to prove they can last the distance.

New Zealand newcomers, the (Auckland) Football Kingz found out what national league soccer was all about, losing 3-0 to Carlton and 2-1 to Sydney United. If the Kingz find themselves in the bottom four, will they be relegated to the NSL second division next year?

The Melbourne Knights know they're in for a fight. Knights chairman Tony Karlusic put it to the fans in blunt terms.

"It's going to be damn hard, when you take into account that four teams are destined to face the axe at the end of the current season.

"We all know what relegation to a lower league would do to the Knights," he said.

"Look what's happened to the likes of (Victorian clubs) Preston, Heidelberg, Brunswick Juventus and Sunshine George Cross," he said.

Juventus no longer exists. Having lost its place in the national league through relegation, it returned as the Melbourne Zebras in the early 1990s, only to be axed from the league two years later. Its relics rest with the Melbourne Raiders, while its administrators and fans have dispersed between Bulleen and Carlton.

The trophies are with the Raiders. Brunswick's former president, Peter Balassone, is president at Bulleen and Lou Sticca, a former Juventus director, is now general manager of Carlton.

The other vanquished clubs all play in the Victorian Premier League (VPL). The Knights



Basil Scarsella: Chairman of Soccer Australia

message is clear, relegation means languishing in a state league or extinction.

For several VPL clubs the prospect of playing in a second NSL division offers a lifeline to a more promising future. Green Gully, Preston, recently promoted and ex-NSL club Heidelberg, the ambitious Melbourne Raiders, Port Melbourne and Bentleigh Greens are eager candidates to tread water in a bigger pond.

State league clubs would need to share company with those clubs relegated from the top flight NSL league.

"Teams missing out on NSL (Division One) selection would be given the option of joining the second division," Scarsella said.

He revealed a second division would comprise clubs from New South Wales, Victoria and possibly a team from Adelaide.

Could this be a revival of the Adelaide Sharks as the Southern Stars?

Much of the groundwork and lobbying to establish a second division over the last 12 months was conducted by Victorian Soccer Federation (VSF) chairman Joe Brondolino, now also a SA commissioner.

Brondolino will be stepping down as VSF chair and will become more involved in his SA position in the future. He is a strong advocate of a second division which, as he sees it, will offer clubs a goal to aim for and scope for growth.

Some clubs are too small for the big-time NSL, but too big for the State leagues.

The second division offers an in-between, and allows sponsors a wider audience than within state confines.

A fully-fledged system of promotion and relegation would create a free flow of clubs up and down the scales from NSL to state leagues and back.

A players' salary cap would keep costs down, while ground rationalisation would give attendances the best possible spectator comforts available.

"With a salary cap in place, the cost factor won't be significantly greater than that of a Premier League club," Brondolino said.



ACT Soccer Federation Awards night

ZAMORA IS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

By Graham Cooke

Gungahlin Juventus supporters gained some consolation for a disappointing ACT Premiership season when midfielder Oscar Zamora was named Player of the Year on October 8.

In fact, the evening turned into something of a tribute to the Juventus youth program.

Apart from the 21-year-old Zamora, Carl Valeri was named Under-15 Player of the Year, Steve Kemp, also a Juventus player, was the ACT Academy of Sport Player of the Year, former Juventus youngster Pino Seminara was top player for the Young Rockets' representative team and Alvaro Guzman was runner up in the Youth Grade voting.

A delighted coach, Frank Cachia, said with an even younger crop of talent beginning to break through, it would be only a matter of time before Juventus regained its status as one of the area's leading teams.

"It might not happen next year. With the early start to the season because of the Olympics, and with so many players representing the Academy in the National Youth

League, we will have only half a team for the first eight or 10 games," he said.

Cachia, who took over the Juventus first-team squad after the departure of Billy Willox in mid-season, said he had definitely decided to take a year off from club coaching duties to concentrate on



his work with the ACT Under-14 squad.

Zamora said the award was inspiration to continue with his ambitions to play National League soccer. His initial bid to break into the Canberra Cosmos squad failed after a one-year contract was ended by mutual agreement.

"I finish my engineering degree at the ANU next year, and after that I am going to give top soccer one last shot," he said.

In a tight contest, Zamora finished with 19 votes, one ahead of Capital City Suns striker Tony Lemezzina, who had been the pre-dinner favourite. The 1992 winner John Nelson (Monaro) tied for third place on 16, along with Steve Lazzari (Weston Creek) and Mladin Rogic (Canberra Deakin).

Other awards included: Youth Grade Player of the Year, Mile Kosanovic (Belconnen United); Under 23, Steven Lee (Capital City Suns).

Under-16 Player of the Year, Dustin Wells (University of Canberra); Media Most Valuable Player, Ben Deighan (Canberra Deakin); Chief Minister's Award for Senior Representative Player of the Year, Jimmy Baxter (Monaro); Coach of the Year, Jimmy Bland (Weston Creek Royals); Fair Play Award, Belconnen.

Golden Boots: Youth, Mile Kosanovic (Belconnen United) 21 goals; Under 23, Daniel Camara (Belconnen United) 21 goals; First Grade, Steve Lazzari (Weston Creek Royals) 24 goals.



ACT players of the year: (left to right) Mile Kosanovic (Youth), Oscar Zamora (Open) and Steven Lee (Under-23).

WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY?

By Bert van Bedaf

The burning question on everyone's lips is, "Will they or won't they?" The Brazilians are coming, but will the World Cup stars be among them?

For a while it looked like the Samba kings were sending an Under-23 Olympic side, now it seems they'll be sending a "strong squad" and Australian promoter IMG has given the tour the green light.

Was there another



Brazil star Ronaldo

choice, since the dates – the MCG on November 14 and in Sydney three days later – had already been pencilled in? Probably not.

Brazil is playing Spain on November 13, hardly a suitable date to field a top

team in Australia 24 hours later. But IMG stuck to its contractual arrangements.

"We have a binding contract," IMG spokesman Martin Jolly declared. "The Brazilian national team would be coming here. We're not in the business of putting on a second-rate game."

"The Brazilian federation has assured us they'll be sending a strong team. The Australian tour is important to them and there will be big names included."

The big test will be, will Ronaldo grace the MCG? The odds are not in the MCG's favor.



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Sat.	30/10/99	4pm	Venue TBA

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Dear Sir,
My name is Levant Osman (pictured) and I have been playing in the National Soccer League for the last three years with Gippsland and I have also represented our country at Under 20 and Olympic level.
I have purchased Australian and British Soccer Weekly for the last 5 years.
I have just signed with the Auckland Kingz and I still get Soccer Weekly sent to me every week by my father.

But I can't believe you have not opened up your market in New Zealand and had more exposure on the Football Kingz.
I think this club has great ambitions to be huge. It is going slowly but it's building up for something big.
I think by putting Auckland in headlines more and maybe working out something with the club could be a gold mine for your newspaper.
**Levant Osman
Auckland, NZ**

Tony Petty to the rescue

Dear Sir,
What could turn out to be a very significant change for the future of the NSL occurred some weeks ago without hardly rating a mention.
That was the takeover or rescue of the Brisbane Strikers by "retired" ex British businessman Tony Petty.
Without his timely intervention the Strikers would have met a similar fate to Adelaide Sharks.
Mr Petty obviously enjoys a challenge because the task of turning around this club is not for the faint hearted.
Brisbane and Queensland in general is undoubtedly the most difficult market for the NSL even though there is no shortage of recreational players.
From what I know about Mr Petty there are a few factors that clearly set him apart from most of the other entrepreneurs who now control a majority of the NSL clubs.
As well as being a highly successful businessman he actually has a thorough and impressive knowledge of the game

quite unique.
Of course he has to assimilate the vagaries of Australian soccer but hopefully he has been here long enough to understand the complexity of the problem.
Speculation about the long term future of the NSL is nothing more than that.
Reality tells us that the chain is only as strong as the weakest link and Queensland is undoubtedly one of those critical weak links in the NSL where sustainable success is absolutely vital if the NSL is to survive and prosper.
I hope Tony Petty has the answers to the Strikers problems because if he can make it happen there than that would prove it is possible to establish successful NSL clubs in all key markets across Australia with good management.
Many astute observers will be watching Tony Petty's efforts with the Strikers very closely and hoping he can achieve the impossible.
**R Melor,
Bondi NSW**

ADELAIDE SHARKS (1936-1999)

Dear Sir,
Here are some points I think people should know about West Adelaide/Adelaide Sharks and the type of history being destroyed which no one seems to care.

- 1936 - Formed as Hellenic Soccer Club (Amateur League, SA)
- 1945 - Formed as Olympic (SA League)
- 1961 - Reconstituted as the Hellenic Athletic and Soccer Club.
- 1962 - Amalgamated with West Adelaide to form West Adelaide Hellas
- 1977 - National League founding member
- 1978 - National League Champions
- 1993 - National Youth League Champions

- 10 times - 1st Division Champions (SA)
- 2 times - SASF Federation Cup winners (SA)
- 6 times - Coca-Cola Cup winners (SA)
- 11 times - Ampol Cup winners (SA)
- 4 times - West End Cup winners (SA)
- 2 times - Bailetti Cup winners (SA)

Most people are glad that the Adelaide Sharks are gone because of its ethnic background.
You can replace a team but you can not replace its history and what it has done for

soccer in Australia and South Australia.
Adelaide needs two teams in the National League. It's like saying NSW can only have one National Rugby League team.
The Club has produced some of the biggest name players in Australia, some of whom have gone on to play overseas.
Not only have the senior players been left without a club but also the 300 strong junior players and its set-up, one of the best in South



Australia.
Unless the team can merge with another club or start up again, about 300 players will have to try and get into other clubs which won't be that easy.
Long live the Sharks!
RIP 20/9/99
**Former National League supporter
Pasadena, SA.**

LIST READERS BEWARE

Dear Sir,
[List readers — if you don't care for accuracy, you may not want to read further...]
Having broadcast my criticism of the way your paper formulated and laid out the first round NSL table last week — it is only fair that I give credit for the improvement:
Well done ABSW! The table is much better — just a couple of errors:
Brisbane needs 1 not 0 in their away wins column, and Syd Utd has played 2

home games, not 1, and lost 1 not 0.
I meant to mention last week (but forgot) that the alternating italics just doesn't work — it is in fact irritating! As a couple of friends said on viewing: it makes the reader feel dizzy — almost ill!
Plain text throughout would be better, but if you really want to keep italics in the Goalscorers table, alternate for groups of goals i.e. 3 and 1 plain, with 2 in italics.
Oh — and you didn't have to print my criticism in a letter but that was a very

TEST SERIES IS A PIPE-DREAM

Dear Sir,
Les Farkas' request for a 3 match Test series against England every 2 years is nothing new.
Unfortunately it is still a pipe-dream at this stage, even though I agree with it in principal.
I acknowledge along with many other children and grandchildren of ethnic migrants, that Australia still has a heavily distinctive Anglo-Celtic culture which still accounts for 75% of Australia's population.
But unfortunately Soccer is not cricket, where only a handful of former Colonial countries play that game.
England and other British countries

don't need to play Australia or New Zealand in Soccer on a regular basis to make money for their football association, when they have 40 to 50 European countries on their doorstep to play against.
We are at least 50 years too late at best, and 100 years too late at worst in thinking along those lines.
However with a lot of our best players now playing in England and the continent, if I was Frank Farina I would still keep trying to make it happen over there at least in England, where there is less travelling to do for our players.
Eventually when the international

football calendar permits some of the games could be played in Australia.
But I wouldn't hold my breath for it to succeed like cricket or rugby, simply because the world game is also a lot bigger and more important than just England and Australia.
But it is still worth pursuing if it will convert a good portion of mainstream Anglo Australians to follow the code, and more importantly break the strangle hold that the media mafia, both print and electronic has in this country with other football codes.
**Dominic Scullino
Nerang, Qld.**

**Chris Kunz
Canberra**

IVANOVIC IS A GENUINE AUSTRALIAN LEGEND



Milan Ivanovic: 'Skill-laden sweeper.'

By Allan Crisp

It was almost too much for many of the Adelaide Force faithful to bear when Milan Ivanovic announced his retirement last week.

Arguably, the most outstanding import to strut his stuff in Adelaide for the past decade, the affable Ivanovic stunned this town's sporting fraternity by calling it a day as a player just three days before the Force was due to tackle Parramatta Power.

Known affectionately as "The Doctor" or "Mr Fixit", Ivanovic topped the 300-National Soccer League milestone before dropping his bombshell.

It would have been appropriate had the skill-laden sweeper bowed out in front of his loyal supporters at Hindmarsh Stadium, where he thrilled thousands with his artistry.

Instead, a huge banner was erected in his honour and he received an emotional pre-kick-off standing ovation from the audience assembled to watch the Force face the Power.

"My last game was in Brisbane. That is the end of my beautiful story," he said.

"I think my timing is perfect. I played with a great club for 10 years, won two championships and played for Australia. I have exceptional memories and achieved more than I expected. This country gave me a second life."

Force captain, Alex Tobin, lamented the loss of the man who had partnered him in battles for club and country.

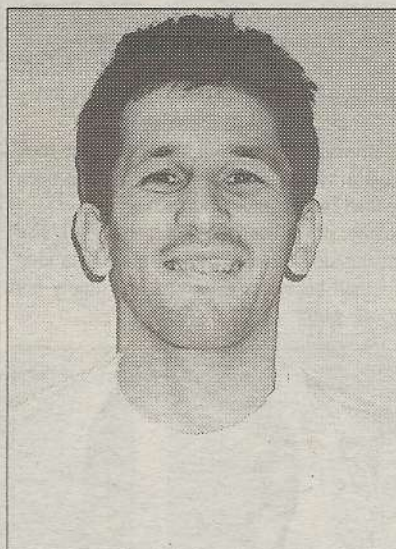
"A 10-year association has been broken. It's been tremendous to have partnered Milan in so many memorable matches."

Renowned for his superior fitness, Ivanovic fell foul of niggling injuries last season, yet felt refreshed and motivated to play one final campaign.

He joined the Force in pre-season training and even took to the training track for one last hurrah in midweek before breaking the news of his retirement to his colleagues.

A genuine legend, Ivanovic, 38, was brought to Australia by Zoran Matic in 1989 when the coach's persuasive powers lured him away from several other overseas clubs.

That move followed Ivanovic's distinguished career with the fabulous Red Star Belgrade.



Milan Ivanovic: 301 games for Adelaide Force.

To this day, "The Doctor" rates his appearance for Red Star against AC Milan as his single most memorable game.

Although approaching the veteran stage of his career, he racked up an amazing 59 matches for the Socceroos, a glorious stint that ended with a swan song appearance against Japan in 1998.

Terry Venables gave Ivanovic the captain's armband for that game at Hindmarsh Stadium.

"I have lost my licence as "The Doctor," Ivanovic said, but he has no regrets.

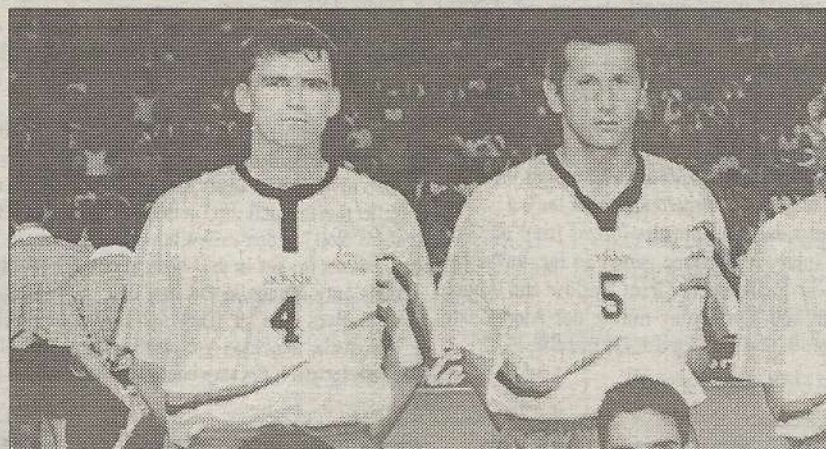
Surely, the Force will allow Ivanovic a fully warranted Testimonial to honour the great champion.

Meanwhile, he flagged his intentions for future activities by completing the Level 3 coaching course in Canberra in June. "Now I must do the practical part to qualify."

That opportunity should arrive sooner than expected with Ivanovic favoured to be offered the Adelaide City coaching job with the club's newly promoted Premier League squad.

"I would certainly be interested, because it would be nice to remain with the club in some capacity."

Allan Crisp can be heard on Adelaide radio 5RPH (1197AM) Breakfast Soccer Show with John Perin and Robbie Popplestone each Tuesday from 7.30am.



Milan Ivanovic (right) and Alex Tobin playing for Australia.



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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ADELAIDE FORCE 2
PARRAMATTA POWER 1

By Allan Crisp

Adelaide Force christened the new-look Hindmarsh Stadium with a thrill-packed 2-1 win over Parramatta Power last Friday night.

But like its brand-spanking new purpose-built soccer facility, the Force has much work to do before it is ready to attain perfection.

"We now have allowed six goals in three games and that's not us," said Force coach Zoran Matic, who called up rookie goalkeeper Jonathan Lihou and class youngster Michael Cartwright for the drought-breaking clash.

Darwin-born Lihou, 18, and Cartwright, 20, made their NSL debuts, replacing custodian Anthony Breden and retired superstar sweeper, Milan Ivanovic (see page 11 for separate story).

"This was a new combination, we are still searching for our best combination," the relieved Matic said.

When the final whistle sounded, both Matic and his Parramatta counterpart, David Mitchell housed legitimate reasons for complaint against Queensland referee David Dwight, who made his Adelaide debut memorable for two unfortunate reasons.

Dwight first raised Matic's ire in the 36th minute when he booked hometown midfielder Dongi Ki Kim for pulling his shirt over his head after the Korean celebrated scoring the opening Force goal.

Why should this be deemed offensive in OZ when it is not punished overseas? Big Mitch had cause for concern in the 74th minute when Dwight red-carded Power midfielder Walter Ardone for allegedly stomping on grounded Force midfielder Igor Rodrigues.

Asked at the post-match Press conference to comment on the Kim booking, Matic said, "These days we have young puppy dogs, who want to be the centre of attention."

With Angelo Costanzo capably filling the huge sweeper boots vacated by Ivanovic and Cartwright slotting neatly into the wide right defensive role, the Force deservedly went ahead after a sweet move started by Aurelio Vidmar, who released "Man Of The Match" Nick Sabljak.

The latter's cross was cleared to Kim, who slapped a ground shot home from the edge of the box.

Two minutes from half time the 6,100 crowd, which paled into insignificance with the 45,187 crammed into Football Park for the hybrid "International Rules" series between Australia and Ireland, celebrated Damian Mori's second goal of the season and the match.

Costanzo crossed for ever present Sabljak to round an opponent before allowing the goal ace to net from close range.

Any thoughts of a run-a-way win were thwarted when Parramatta evergreen Peter Bennett beat Lihou with a 25 metre lob to record his second goal of the season.

That was Lihou's second error of judgement for the match but the teenager atoned with splendid saves to deny Ardone, Milan Blagojevic and a show-stopping tip over the crossbar to defuse a brilliant blast from substitute Joel Griffiths.

Despite his undoubted potential, Lihou, who joined the Force on a \$15,000 transfer fee from South Australian Premier League club White City Woodville in an eleventh hour deal, could have a shorter reign as the club's number one goalkeeper than Breden, who played the first two matches.

And the jury is still out on the capabilities of Brazilian, Rodrigues, alias, "Indio." He displayed silky skills and the ability to cross accurately, but too often failed to convert his trickery into constructive team work.

"It's too early to assess," Matic said. "I'm finding it hard to communicate with Ugo and while he has skilful qualities, his biggest problem could be a lack of speed."

As he savoured claiming his first points of the campaign, Matic mused that Friday at the Force Field would go down in his memoirs as the first time he has ever seen a goalkeeper go down with cramp.

"He (Lihou) must be fit to run for only two minutes," he joked.

CANBERRA COSMOS 0
BRISBANE STRIKERS 1

By Graham Cooke

Canberra Cosmos' two Scottish imports will be crushed into the side for Friday night's game at Parramatta Power after the Cosmos' woeful performance in the 1-0 loss to Brisbane Strikers at Bruce Stadium.

Coach Tom Sermanni said he wanted both David Winnie and Brian Hamilton in his next line-up, despite Hamilton being due in the country only today (Tuesday). Winnie arrived on Saturday.

The coach made his decision after saying he took full responsibility for a performance that had been little more than "a catalogue of inadequacies".

"The balance of the team was poor, and I will have to reshape the side around a much more orthodox style of football because the players are simply not producing," he said.



John Kosmina: Not overly enthused.

For Brisbane the result provides cheer, and a continuing reign at the top of the National Soccer League table, but coach John Kosmina agreed there was little else in the contest to enthuse over.

"I think we did enough to win in the end, but there were long periods when I thought a goal-less draw was inevitable," he said.

"We missed a stack of chances, and at the other end we kept on giving the ball away, so I wasn't having a very comfortable time on the sidelines."

The crucial goal came in the first minute of stoppage time, veteran striker Paul Foster forcing the ball past a crowded penalty area into the net.

He might have wrapped it up 10 minutes earlier when Toplica Popovich's back-pass went astray. This time Cosmos captain Robbie Hooker was back on the goal-line to clear.

Then the Cosmos back-line, which had seemed reasonably secure until this point, was pierced again as Nick Meredith's cross was just a fraction too far ahead of the otherwise well placed Jeremy Harris.

Instead the ball carried to Peter Dwyer in a much more difficult position beyond the far post — he shot wide.

A scattering of first-half chances were created — and squandered — mostly by the Cosmos. Put through by Alex Castro in the third minute, Glen Kolpak missed his kick completely and ended up on the seat of his pants.

Michael Musitano came close to giving himself a 27th birthday present with the cleanest strike of the game after eight minutes. It was a fierce drive which Clint Bolton failed to gather at the first attempt, but managed to recover ahead of Daniel Watkins' arrival.

Dwyer gave a hint of what was to come just before half time, when he found a way through the home defence, but his shot drifted high over the bar.

Canberra has had players forced from the field through injury in all three games so far. In the first two it was goalkeepers Grant Barlow and Angelo Konstantinou. On Friday midfielder Alex Castro limped off with a suspected ankle fracture.

NORTHERN SPIRIT 0
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS 2

By Greg Danvers

Northern Spirit fans can expect changes to the team line-up after a 2-0 loss to the Newcastle Breakers at North Sydney Oval on Friday night.

Coach Graham Arnold may even pull on the boots to give the side a leader they have lacked in the first three rounds.

"Our performance wasn't good enough, the amount of commitment from my team wasn't good enough and I was embarrassed for the supporters," Northern Spirit coach Graham Arnold said after the match.

"It was a matter of the lack of wanting to do it (to win) and if it means I've got to get my boots back on then they'll be back on the park next week because I can't sit and watch that shit."

Newcastle out-played, out-muscled and used the grey matter to a better effect than Northern Spirit.

On an unfamiliar surface, likened to a billiard table or bowling green, the Breakers were full of running all night, scoring two great goals and defending stoutly.

Greg Owens, running wide on the left, received a pin point through ball from veteran striker Andy Harper 15 minutes into the match. With only the 'keeper Paul Henderson to beat Owens dribbled around Henderson and tapped the ball into an unprotected net.



Greg Owens: Newcastle goalscorer.

Substitute Peter Juchniewicz hammered the final nail into Northern's coffin four minutes into injury time after Luke Tomich crossed from the right. Juchniewicz in behind the defence to head the ball solidly into the ground and deflect past Henderson into the net.

Northern Spirit were not without their chances only to have either Bob Catlin save or Breakers defenders between the ball and the net.

Thirty minutes into the match, Spirit's best, a Robbie Slater drive from the left edge of the penalty area deflected off David Seal to the right of Catlin. The agile custodian's reflex dive to tip the ball around the far post thwarted the equaliser.

Spirit had another chance eight minutes later from free kick set piece only to knock the ball into the wall.

Norway bound Clayton Zane had chances in the 51st and 53rd minutes denied by Catlin and then man marker Andy Roberts. Both Zane and Newcastle skipper Shane Pryce played their 100th NSL match. Pryce celebrated while Zane left empty handed.

"What we lack is a leader and I have tried to pass that responsibility onto other players but there is no leadership," added Arnold.

"If it takes me being out on the field to show them the way then I will have to do it."

"I have got to get back to getting players on the field that want to play instead of being a big bunch of poofs out there that just want to walk around and collect their money. They can collect it somewhere else."

Newcastle coach Lee Sterrey was a happy chappy after the match with the win and three competition points in the bag.

"It was a good gutsy result, at the end of the day we knew the big danger for us was coming down here and playing on this surface we are not used to it," Sterrey said.

"The turning point was (Bob) Catlin's save in the first half off a half clearance that was driven across the face of goal and Sealy's (David Seal) done a great deflection that deflected in the other corner and Bobby's there. You just don't know how he could save it."

"Once we got in the sheds at one nil and that was their only chance in the first half my blokes perked themselves up a bit. They don't give too much away Newcastle, they have got plenty of guts and plenty of character and I was very happy with their work rate."

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 0
UTS SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4

By Otto Bader

They are hurt, their pride is dented, the fans put up a brave face cheering regardless of the onslaught by a brilliant prepared side of Olympic.

Coach Branko Culina certainly had done his home work and his boys demolished the home side.

If one is superstitious then Saturday night is definitely not the right time for the Wolves to play at Brandon Park — normally they select Friday nights or Sunday.

After this disaster any other night or day would be preferred. A superior team, Olympic outplayed the Wolves on the night and nothing could be done about it, the ball rolled the way Olympic wanted it and all moves worked to perfection.

There was no need nor was it advisable to talk to Wolves Coach Nick Theodorakopoulos knowing only too well his team was overwhelmed on the field despite playing quite well in patches.

Sydney Olympic dominated the first quarter absolutely with brilliant displays by Brett Emerton, Pablo Cardozo, Zlatko Arambasic and Peter Zorbas (he played two seasons with Illawarra Premier League club Wollongong Olympic).

The first goal in the 7th minute came from a rather harsh penalty decision, converted by Pablo Cardozo — one of his three goals on the night — after Wollongong's keeper Daniel Beltrame tried to smother the ball, bringing the Olympic striker down.

Wollongong regrouped and played decent soccer but the solid Olympic defence around Peter Tsekis was always in control.

Keeper George Bouhoutsos was only tested once or twice, otherwise he just collected loose balls. The second goal in the 28th minute followed from a free kick on the left, conceded in frustration by a Wolves defender. It floated into the goal area and it seemed the keeper misjudged the flow of the ball and left an easy header for Zlatko Arambasic.

This set-back rocked the Wolves, trying very hard to get back into the game and the harder they tried the worse it got.

Olympic always looked safe in the back. The home side at this point had still a small chance to get back on the rails and the loyal fans made enough noise to support their side. Olympic's Brett Emerton hammered the ball over the bar in the 10th minute and always caused problems for the home side on the left side, the Wolves had a free kick in the 21st minute just outside the goal area but it came to nothing.

Zlatko Arambasic was hurt by a cruel tackle but still scored the first goal shortly afterwards. Wolves Noel Spencer was booked and special visitors to Brandon Park Olyroos coach Raul Blanco and former Soccerroo Johnny Warren looked on in amazement. In the 37th minute keeper Daniel Beltrame took a hefty knock making a point-black save. It was not a good half for the home team and the coach had a few words to say during the break.

The second half started with a fine opportunity wasted by the Wolves in the 52nd minute and another in the 66th minute.

It took Olympic until the 70th minute to secure the game when Pablo Cardozo took a free kick just outside the box on the right which did not look too dangerous but somehow the Wolves keeper took his eyes off the ball and allowed it to slip into the net at the near post.

The fourth goal came in the 80th minute well worked out with the Wolves defence wrong footed. Wollongong made three changes bringing on substitute Sasho Dimovski for Noel Spencer in the 76th, David Cervinski for David Huxley in the 86th and at the half time break Paul Reid for Neil Harlock. Olympic changed Gabriel Mendez for Peter Zorbas and Nick Carle for Pablo Cardozo. They also had former Wolves Sebastian Sinozic on the bench.

Official attendance was announced with 5021 with plenty of Olympic supporters coming from Sydney to support the boys. Coach Branko Culina must have been well satisfied, looking pleased afterwards and so he should with a superb display of his side.

Wolves coach Nick Theodorakopoulos has a bit of tough talking to do and push the boys at training to build up their confidence.



Zlatko Arambasic: Olympic striker.

TURN TO PAGE 32 MATCH STATISTICS

COSMOS FIND NEW HERO

BIG-HEARTED BURT IS NO LONGER A PROBLEM PUPIL

By Graham Cooke

The lessons of National Soccer League life have been hard for Canberra Cosmos' defender Danny Burt.

Twelve months ago an examiner may have written: "inattentive, undisciplined. Shows some promise but is failing to fulfil potential."

Today the verdict is less harsh. "Is making good progress this term under new tutor; shows signs of being a late developer."



One month from his 27th birthday and the Newcastle lad is at last close to establishing himself as an NSL regular — and a favourite with the Cosmos supporters who have not had a hero to cheer since the departure of Paul Wade two years ago.

In the opening game of the season at

home to Adelaide, it was the big-hearted Burt who got back to the line to save a desperate situation as he hooked a goal-bound shot away at full stretch; against Sydney Olympic, he twice won the ball in the air in scoring positions, but was unable to capitalise.

"I've studied the moves on video," he says. "I should have done better. The

have saved us a point," Sermanni says. "But a tired player is one who can make mistakes."

Burt disagrees he needs to pace himself better.

"I think I could have lasted, but it was Tom's decision and I respect it," he says.

"There was a lot of chasing in that game for little result, but I don't want to stop

"I know this sounds daft, but if I have a really good year, and I get noticed...well, there's always the national squad. Okay, it's the longest of long shots, but you've got to be in it to win."

And if he continues to make the progress of recent weeks, last year's problem pupil might just end up as dux of the class.



Danny Burt in action against Adelaide Force in Round One

goalkeeper didn't even have to dive."

There are subtle changes in Burt's make-up this campaign.

Gone are the wild charges upfield in general play, followed by the desperate chase back as the opposition exploit the gaps.

"I still get up there, but usually just for the set pieces," he says. "The coach is in my ear about being more disciplined, and it's made all the difference having Robbie Hooker just behind me.

"You can't go wrong playing with someone like that. He tells you what to expect and where to go. It makes the game simple."

Even so Burt still believes in pushing the limits, covering an incredible amount of ground for a defender; always ready to put his hand up.

Coach Tom Sermanni still worries Burt is trying to win games on his own, and it was obvious signs of weariness which led to the decision to substitute him against Sydney Olympic, who scored the only goal of the game shortly after he left the field.

"Maybe I could have left him on and gone for an extra defender — it might

going up for a sniff of goal. I reckon I can score two or three."

Burt's season almost came unstuck before it began, with confusion over his status with his former club, Broadmeadows, from the Northern NSW League.

"I was on a free loan last season, and this time they wanted some money," he said.

"In the end they came to terms, and nothing pleases me more, because all I want to do is get out there and play for the Cosmos in the NSL. It's a dream come true.

"Of course I should have done this years ago. There were chances with Newcastle, but when I was a youngster I did a lot of socialising and after a season in the local competition, I didn't feel up to beginning all over again and playing right through the summer.

"I guess I didn't have the dedication then, but as you get older you do get wiser, and I now know what my ambitions are."

He smiles, almost half afraid to go on.



Danny Burt: Popular Canberra player



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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

GIPPSLAND FALCONS 1
SYDNEY UNITED 1

By Neil Hickey

The Gippsland Falcons continue to be competitive but an early season win still eludes them after last Saturday night's tenacious 1-1 draw against Sydney United.

Dean Fak, in only his second game for Gippsland after transferring from the Port Melbourne Sharks, was the hero of the Falcons with the equalising goal in the 78th minute. A long cross from the left sideline was provided by Andy Vargas, and after it eluded several United defenders, Fak was on hand to head it home and salvage a point from the game for his new team.

The Falcons now have two points from their first three



Ante Moric: Sydney United goalscorer.

games of the season after two draws and a loss.

The match was a willing contest from two teams trying to establish combinations, however, it wasn't until the 60th minute that the scoreless deadlock was broken.

From a midfield turn over, United pounced and Rayounis provided a perfect cross which enabled Ante Moric to muscle a lone opponent and head home the game's goal.

The goal seemed to deflate Gippsland and United lepped up their attacking momentum.

However, Fak's timely strike provided the Falcons with second wind and they finished the stronger, assisted also by the controversial send off of United's Rayounis.

The incident occurred at the 83rd minute mark after Rayounis felled Falcon John Hutchison, which resulted in the United winger involved in a scrap with Andy Vargas.

Vargas could consider himself fortunate for staying on the field after the altercation, especially as he had received a yellow card earlier in the half.

Hutchison was stretchered from the field nursing an ankle injury, but is expected to recover for this week's game against South Melbourne.

Gippsland coach Jeff Hopkins, expressed disappointment at missing out on the team's first win of the season.

"One of our aims at the start of the year was to try and record as many home wins as possible and it is a bit disappointing to have played well for the first three games and only have two points to show for it," he said.

"But we did well to come back tonight after being one goal down and I thought we really deserved a draw."

His Sydney United counterpart, David Ratcliffe, was philosophical after the result, and said his young side was still learning to gel together after the exodus of all but one of last year's side.

"It's always disappointing to draw after you were in the lead, but overall I'm happy with the way our guys are coming together," Ratcliffe said.

"Our aim, other than to make the finals is to keep improving as a side, and to establish the depth in the team."

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 0
PERTH GLORY 3

By Bert van Bedaf

Three losses in a row has put the pressure on Melbourne Knights' coach Joe Biskic and several players.

The team struggled to make an impact as they slumped to their third defeat, a 3-0 drubbing to Perth Glory at Sunshine stadium.

In front of an estimated 4000 crowd, the Knights put up an occasionally passionate fight, and they did manage to put the Glory defence under pressure several times, but they lacked the finesse to break through and hit the net.

"I am disappointed at the way we played," Biskic said. "We had a couple of chances to equalise in the first half, but they scored a second goal."

"But there can be no more excuses. I told the players, 'you have to pull your socks up and get a result. You have to work hard and create your own luck'."

"Of course, there's pressure on me. You have to be honest. Probably I'm the first one to go," he said.

Perth coach Bernd Stange was satisfied to win, but he said the team was far from being in the right shape.

"We lost eight players and it's hard to substitute eight players. It will take another four to five weeks, but Perth should again be in the top six this season. We lacked concentration at times, but at the end of the day Perth was in another class than the Knights," the German coach said.

"The Knights showed good character today, but they need success as soon as possible. I was happy it was a friendly game. We play them four times this season and today was very fair."

Perth swung into the lead after 15 minutes when Con Boutsianis curled his corner into goal. Knights defender Paul Magdic tried to clear it, but the ball rolled off his chest over the line for an own goal.

The Glory got a chance five minutes earlier when Scott Miller was left unmarked on the left, but Knights' keeper Martin John closed Miller down and cleared.

The Knights almost equalised in the 21st minute, but Glory's keeper Tony Franken just palmed a powerful 20-metre drive by Joe Rajher for a corner.

Perth's forwards Despotovski and Edwards, with Boutsianis behind them cut through the Knights defence with alarming ease.

But the Knights were unlucky not to equalise from a handful of clear chances. The first chance came in the 34th minute, when Jamie Harnwell brought down Ivan Kelic just outside the box. With a seemingly casual move, Mark Silic took the free-kick, which hit the crossbar, eyed by a startled Franken.

Kelic had a clear poke at goal from close range in the 38th minute, but Franken saved. Kelic had a second attempt saved off the line by Trajkovski and Harnwell saved a corner off the line in a desperate scramble with four minutes left in an eventful first half.

Kelic had a shot on the turn nine minutes into the second half from a Magdic cross, but Harnwell blocked the attempt.

Perth effectively sealed victory with their second goal in the 71st minute. Boutsianis drove the ball into attack through an increasingly suspect Knights defence and played it wide to John Carbone. Carbone crossed it back near the penalty spot, where Boutsianis released a left-foot shot that flicked past John to kill the Knights spirit.

Bobby Despotovski completed what turned into an embarrassing rout in the 79th minute, when he spotted John off his line and unleashed a 35-metre lob that silenced even the most loyal Knights supporter.

AUCKLAND KINGZ 1
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

National League rookies Auckland Kingz sprung the biggest upset of the season when they beat South Melbourne 1-nil in Auckland on Sunday.

Former All White Fred de Jong sparked the only goal in the 34th minute, which gave Auckland their first win from three games in the competition.

De Jong sent in a long pass down the right for winger Robert Middleby who cut infield and flicked a pass on for Chilean Aaron Silva who strolled past the South Melbourne defence including keeper Chris Jones before slotting home.



Harry Ngata: Kingz striker. PICTURE BY STUART JONES

South Melbourne played the last half-hour with 10 men after Robert Liparoti was sent off after fouling Harry Ngata in the 61st minute.

South Melbourne rarely tested the home side who had control of the match for lengthy periods.

Kingz defender and former Gippsland player Levant Osman said he hoped the victory would silence the Kingz critics.



Robbie Middleby: Set up Kingz first goal.

"Well it took three weeks but it was well worth the wait," the Australian Olympic Games squad player said. "To beat the champions and out play them was just perfect, and for the first time in my soccer career to beat South Melbourne."

"I think they thought they were going to come here and hammer us."

"But weren't they in for a shock as it was the other way around. I think this result could be the turning point for our team. I think at home from now on we will not let anyone come here and thrash us, I think we will be very hard to beat at home."

"We travel to Newcastle on Friday and it always tough there but we are playing well now and a win is not out of the question, but we can't get big headed over the result."

MARCONI STALLIONS 0
CARLTON 4

By John Economos

The Marconi Stallions meekly succumbed to a 0-4 defeat by visiting Carlton and had their wounds compounded three minutes from time when goalkeeper David Aceski was sent off last Sunday night at the Marconi Stadium.

The luckless Aceski fouled Carlton's substitute Alex Moreira in trying to regather a back pass. Moreira went down, Aceski went off, substitute Buddy Farah took over the gloves and powerful 'driver' Andrew 'Stubber' Marth slammed his straight and rising penalty to hit the Marconi's net for the fourth and last time of the contest.

The final scoreline was not a true reflection of any overwhelming dominance by Carlton. In fact had Marconi taken a couple of their early chances, the outcome could have been ever so different.

Making matters worse still for Marconi was the fact they lost their red-hot mobile striker Sean Babic as early as in the 26th minute as he pulled up with hamstring problems to be replaced by Harry Karl.

A 12th minute cross by Marconi's Vlado Zoric from the left found Danny Invincible racing in to threaten an attempted header, but this was quickly body-blocked by covering left wingback Andrew Packer.

Just four minutes later the highly active Invincible again was in action, this time setting up striker Kris Trajanovski, but the latter's effort from inside Carlton's box was ballooned well over the top.

Five minutes from the break Carlton strongly and effectively hit back with an electrifying goal by bottle blond striker Archie Thompson. Playing a one-two with midfielder Lubo Lapsansky, Thompson exploded a left footed inswinger that zipped inside the far post.

With a minute left of the first half Darren McDonald chipped to Marconi's substitute striker Harry Karl, but he sliced his header well wide of the target.

On the hour mark Carlton doubled their lead following a corner slung in from the right. Marconi cleared the corner to just outside the box where an unmarked dynamic right striker Joe Tricarico raced in to hit a lethal rising rocket that smashed into the top right corner, inches from Aceski's outstretched left glove.

Marconi from here almost totally surrendered with the exception of an unyielding Invincible and left back Brendan Renaud.

Marconi brought on the steely Mike Smith as a central marker, pushing stopper Mark Babic forward and to the right flank in an attempt to get some width going.

Eight minutes from the bell however it was Carlton that was in again, this time through stopper David McPherson who powered his header into the target following a Lapsansky cross.

But a minute later Marconi's still unyielding Invincible threatened to pull back a goal. He let fly with a 20 metre volley that had Dean Anastasiadis under pressure to pull off an amazing diving save.

Best performers for the Victorians were Joe Tricarico, David McPherson, Archie Thompson and Mark Wilson, whilst for Marconi only Danny Invincible and Brendan Renaud came away with their reputations fully intact.

In fact Invincible was not only outstanding whenever he attacked, but on no less than three occasions excelled with some very committed long covering tackles to neutralise dangers.

A most disappointed Marconi coach Eddie Krncevic later lamented: "We didn't take our early chances and thus got punished. I wasn't happy with a lot of other things as well, but credit must go to Carlton. As far as the sending off of our goalkeeper, I don't think it was a send off. We will be sending in a protest for Hugo not to do Marconi games again."

"We were not consistent. The first goal we just gave away when McDonald gave away possession and for the second goal Tricarico was not shut down. After going down by two goals we chased the game. It was very disappointing for the fans."

"Having said all this I don't feel it was a 4-0 game. Our midfield was just not tight enough. Brett Hughes (Marconi's goalkeeper) now comes in for Sunday with hopefully as well Brad Maloney and Francis Awaritefe who scored tonight for our Youth team," ended Krncevic.

Meanwhile Carlton's coach Stuart Munro, although pleased with this result, quietly stated: "We dream about such a result, but it was a disciplined performance even though at the start we could easily have lost a goal. The quality of our first two goals was good and I felt that the discipline of the team was solid and outstanding, as was our goalkeeper."

"There was a willingness to work hard and we got the goals. We knew Babic (striker, Sean) likes to get behind defenders and would be a danger, but it was a plus for us when he went off. There were a couple of decisions (refereeing) I couldn't understand and it was unfortunate that their goalkeeper got a red card," Munro summed up.

TURN TO BACK PAGE FOR MATCH STATISTICS

TOWARDS SYDNEY 2000

AT A GLANCE

FULL NAME: Lucas Neill
CLUB: Millwall FC ; English Division 2
Date Of Birth: 9th March 1978
Age: 21
Left or Right footed? Right
Eye Colour: Blue
Hair Colour: Brown
Height: 183cm
Weight: 80kg
Position Played: right back, midfield

THE STATS

League Appearances: 115 games for Millwall (at October 1999)
Goals scored: 13 (at September 1999)
Olyroo (Under-23) Appearances
 (v International opponents) 3
Olyroo Goals (v International opponents) 0
National Representative Honours: Socceroos (2 games), Young Socceroos
Number of Seasons with current Club? 4th
Clubs Played For (current first): Millwall, AIS, Manly Warringah
Junior Clubs: Manly Warringah, Wakehurst
What age did you start playing soccer? 6

THE LOOK FORWARD

Career Highlight to date: Youth World Cup/playing at Wembley
Ambition: Play for Australia at Olympics/World Cup and to play in the Premier League
Words of advice: "Always try"

PERSONALITY INSIGHT

A dinner party for 6, and you can invite anybody - living, dead, fact or fiction - who do you invite? Homer Simpson, Elle MacPherson, Jennifer Anniston, Eddie Murphy, Mariah Carey, Jesus

What do you serve for 3 courses? Entrée: seafood platter
Main Course: Pork chops, Homers favourite
Dessert: whipped cream

If you could be a character from any movie, who would you be? Mel Gibson in the Lethal Weapon series

Favourite Comedian: Jim Carey
Last Book read: Tony Adams autobiography
Favourite Band/Singer: Nirvana
Last CD bought: Club Ibiza
Favourite Music Venue: Virgin Megastore
Best ever concert: (who, where, when?) Pearl Jam in Canberra, 1994

Favourite TV Show: Simpsons
Favourite TV Character: Jerry Seinfeld
Favourite Cartoon Character: Homer Simpson

THE PEERS

Favourite Overseas Team: Real Madrid
Most Admired Australian (based local): Michael Garcia
Most Admired Australian (based OS): Hayden Foxe
Most Admired Defender: Jaap Stam
Most Admired Midfielder: Rivaldo
Most Admired Striker: Dwight Yorke
Most Admired Goalkeeper: Mark Bosnich
Hardest Opponent (player): Steve McManaman
Hardest Opponent (team): Liverpool
Dream choice of which world league? English
Most admired Sportserson: Michael Jordan

Olyroo file # 3

LUCAS NEILL

Q: Lucas, you are really an unknown quantity as far as many Australian soccer supporters are concerned; so WHO IS Lucas Neill?

A: Basically, I am a very proud Australian from the North Shore of Sydney.

I grew up playing for Manly Warringah and the AIS before following my dreams and signing as a professional for Millwall at the age of 17 and since signing, I've played over 100 first grade games with them.

I'm also a confident person which I think reflects on the field, I'm a strong competitor and very passionate about what I do. Oh, and I hate to lose!!

Q: So what motivates Lucas Neil?

A: Well that's easy to answer, because I'm pretty much easy to motivate. I have sacrificed a lot for the game I love and will do almost anything to be the best I can.

I'm out to impress not only those who don't know me but the ones close to my heart.

Q: So, taking the above into account, where (and why) do you fit into the Olyroo Squad?

Well, as I said before, I'm very competitive, have a lot of stamina and see myself as a very positive and creative player, a team player who likes to get stuck in.

Hopefully that, and my versatility is a benefit to the squad because I have a burning desire to achieve something for Australian soccer, and feel the passion that comes with the English game can be reflected onto the Olyroos.

Q: What does the chance of being part of the Australian Olympic Football Team mean to you?

A: This is the main focus of my career at the moment, a once



Lucas Neill: Selection in the Sydney 2000 squad would be the highlight of his career.

in a lifetime opportunity to be part of something very special and it's a chance that I will do everything not to let slip.

To be part of this squad will be the greatest achievement in my career so far.

Q: You've only played 3 games for the Olyroos so far - the last 2 against Southampton and Kuwait - how have you found being part of this squad, and do you feel you're at a disadvantage to those boys who have more games under their belt?

A: Each time I go away it gives me great self-confidence and a feeling of importance. I feel that the experience I am gaining being a full time pro gives me an advantage, not a disadvantage over those who have made more appearances than me.

Q: What are you hoping to achieve personally over the next 12 months?

A: I would like to achieve pro-

motion with my club or move to a club at a higher level, as well as solidifying a place in the Olyroo squad and giving them the best chance possible of winning a medal. I would also like to earn enough money to let my parents retire and set my brother up in some way for the future.

Q: Speaking of your family, are they with you, and what kind of encouragement and support do you get from them?

A: Unfortunately my family lives in Oz, but we are in frequent contact and they try to get over here every year.

I know they are very proud of me and even though they are on the other side of the world I always feel they are right behind me.

Q: What do you think are the pros and the cons of fighting for selection while playing in England?

A: The pros are that I am gaining experience as a professional

in a very tough and physical league, I am gaining experience which can only be achieved playing full time and the publicity is excellent for soccer over here which also gives me a higher profile.

The cons are that my progress can only be monitored by newspaper reports which may or may not do me justice, whereas some of the lads are being watched day in day out closer to home.

Q: Playing in the Premier League is an ambition of yours - how do you think Sydney 2000 could change your life and fit in with those plans?

A: If I am not already in the Premier League and I am part of the Olyroos, I would see this as the opportunity to show not only the Premier League clubs but also the world that I am ready for the big stage and can handle myself at the top level.

Q: Is there a particular Olympian who inspires you, and why?

A: Not one in particular really, because I think that everyone who has participated in the Olympics is an inspiration.

They have achieved something that I have not (yet!) and to take part in something truly unique, that in itself should be enough motivation and inspiration for any sports person.

Q: And your final words for the Australian public?

A: Like the whole of Australia, I am excited about what lies ahead and I am going to do everything I can to show the world how truly proud I am to be an Aussie.

We will send a message to people around the world that we are a unique breed, a country that gives its all and gets 100% behind everything we do. I hope to see you there and can't wait to get cracking!!!!!!

"The Olympics are my opportunity to show the Premier League clubs and the world that I'm ready for the big stage..."



River Plate's own 'barra bravas' show their true colours as they take on old rivals Boca Juniors.



Young Peñarol fans sit tensely, wondering the outcome of the match against rivals Nacioñal.



The Universidad de Chile 'los de abajos' fans prepare for battle against arch enemies Colo Colo, the most successful team in Chile.

GRAN CLASICO

Pictures By Rod Hay

Whilst social divisions still prevail worldwide, football has become the most common bond in uniting people from all social groups.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Latin America, where the week before and the week after are monopolised by the events leading up to the matches between traditional local football rivals, where the competition and emotions are as intense as countries going to war.

The confrontation, although not entirely violence free, is essentially a colourful confrontation of bands and fans, eager to parade their identity through song, costume and banners.

To win is intoxicating, no matter whether one is president of the country or a fruit seller at the local market, each is as eager as the other to share their jubilation.



For the loser, it is a week of abject despondency, where everything suffers until the next encounter allows them to recover pride and honour.

During the filming of his six part series "CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD" Writer Producer Director Rod Hay visited Latin America extensively and savoured the atmosphere of several of the 'grandes clasicos' which are the most important fixtures on any football fans' calender.

Rod Hay has given ABSW the opportunity to share the experience with its readers to appreciate why football in Latin America is more than a matter of life and death.

Apart from the images on these pages, the atmosphere can be revisited and equally enjoyed in Rod Hay's memorable video, now released through Roadshow Entertainment in all major stores nationwide.



The 'barra bravas' of...



Police on red... Nacioñal v Peñarol. It

NDDES ICOS



f Boca Juniors create a unique atmosphere for their idols to be inspired by.



Alert for possible confrontation at one of Latin America's great derbies, is played at the famous Estadio Centenario, home of Uruguay's victory in the first World Cup in 1930.



Colo Colo's 'garra blancas' celebrate their heroes after a goal against Universidad.



A 'Flamengista' torcida or cheerleader, leads the vibrant Flamengo drummers into action.



The Nacioñal fans of Uruguay show their true spirit in readiness to face their traditional enemy Peñarol.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SUMMER SERIES

By Janene Mar

ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE 4

(Dior Foxhill 25, Tal Karp 29, Cindy Doyle 40, Traci Bartlett 76)

VICTORIA VISION 2

(Deborah Nichols 44, Leigh Terek 46+)
Epping Soccer Stadium, Melbourne

ACTAS Canberra Eclipse celebrated their first win (and points) for the season on Saturday, defeating Victoria Vision 4-2 to lift themselves off the bottom of the ladder.

Vision made a lively opening in search of their first win but midway through the half, Canberra took control of proceedings, showing their form of old.

After a surprisingly sluggish start to the season, last year's runners-up Canberra Eclipse were relieved to take the lead and quickly raced to a 3-goal advantage.

Dior Foxhill opened the account, slotting home a cross from the left. Four minutes later, a long Sarah Cooper ball into the area was missed by the keeper allowing Tal Karp to finish.

Cindy Doyle booted home a corner kick for Eclipse's third in the 40th minute.

But in the last few minutes before half-time, Victoria fought back to score two goals of their own.

Deborah Nichols was successful from the penalty spot after striker Leigh Terek was fouled in the box, and in stoppage time, Terek was on hand to finish from close range after a cross from the left caused a goalmouth scramble.

Vision created several good chances to equalise in the second half but their shooting was just wide of the mark, including Sarah Fitzgerald's attempt which hit the woodwork.

Eclipse defender Traci Bartlett then sealed the win with an unbelievable blast from around half-way. A Victorian clearance was met on the volley by Bartlett

sending it back towards goal and somehow the ball found its way into the top of the net.

Teams:

ACTAS Canberra Eclipse: Tifan, Bartlett, Wainwright (Staniforth), PC Hepperlin, Taylor (Pelle), Cooper, Wilson, D Hepperlin (Karp), Foxhill, Doyle, Channing (Kilpatrick).

Victoria Vision: L Kapusta, Davis, Oostdam, Barbieri, Wright, Bisby, Nichols (Walker), Zacharopoulos (Digiammarco), Hamilton, Terek (Saville), Fitzgerald.

NORTHERN NSW PRIDE 2

(own goal 50, Rachael Alley 77)

QAS STING 1

(Alicia Ferguson 36)

Richlands Stadium, Brisbane

Northern NSW Pride pulled ahead of their opponents into equal second place with Saturday's 2-1 win over QAS Sting, coming from behind to snare the valuable points in a tight contest.

Home side Sting missed a couple of golden opportunities before taking the lead, Alicia Ferguson hitting straight at the keeper in a one-on-one, Kim Revell skimming the crossbar from long range, and Zoe Nolan also finding the woodwork with her freekick.

From the resultant corner kick, a partial clearance was sent back in towards goal by Lisa Dunne, bouncing perfectly for the oncoming Ferguson to drive home in the 36th minute.

Bronwyn Nutley and Katie Gill came closest for Northern in the first half.

But five minutes into the second half, Northern's equaliser came by way of an own goal, QAS defender Sarah Garven sending the ball into her own net in her attempt to clear. Boosted by the gift goal, Pride found their second wind and produced some good football.

Cheryl Salisbury's good run and 20 metre shot was

stopped by the keeper, before the visitors were rewarded with the winner in the 77th minute, substitute Rachael Alley's strike from 25 metres on the left chipping the keeper.

Teams:

Northern NSW Pride: Praszczalek, Salisbury, Nutley (Ingles), Powell, Randall, McMinn (Alley), Forman, Neilson, Baker, Youman (Crawford), King (Gill) (Cam).

QAS Sting: Nichols, McShea, Garven, Gegenhuber, Nolan (Mitchell), Hohnke (Mann), Duus, Revell, Dunne (Thornton), Ferguson, Dawney (Tramacchi).

SASI PIRATES 0

NSW SAPPHIRES 0

SASI Pirates and NSW Sapphires shared the points with a scoreless draw in Sunday's top of the table clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The result means frontrunners NSW Sapphires retain their four-point advantage over the Pirates, although they could well have stretched their lead after dominating the second half in Adelaide.

SASI Pirates sneak into outright second position, a point ahead of the previous day's winners Northern NSW Pride.

In what was overall an entertaining clash, both sides created good chances in the first half, SASI's Kristy Moore unlucky not to score from a pair of one-on-one's with the keeper in the striker's first match back from injury. Sapphires' Julie Murray hit the crossbar after teammate Danielle Clarke was denied by a fine save by Pirates' keeper Leanne Trimboli.

Trimboli continued to prove the home side's saviour in the second half, making crucial saves to deny Alicia Cavanagh and Michelle Carney, whilst Kelly Golebiowski struck the woodwork.

SASI were then thwarted in a last-minute burst to snatch the winner, Jessica Halfpenny ruled offside by the referee although the flag had stayed down.

Teams:

SASI Pirates: Trimboli, Vozzo, Winn, Gawlik, May (Ruotolo), Stocco, Spagnoletti, Thomas, Morrison (Baker), Moore (Prince), Matto (Halfpenny).

NSW Sapphires: Kell, Rockall, Starr, Tann-Darby, Garriock, Clarke, Cavanagh, Klessattel, Murray, Carney (Watson), Golebiowski.

POINTS LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
NSW SAPPHIRES	5	4	1	0	12	3	9	13
SASI PIRATES	5	2	3	0	6	3	3	9
NORTHERN NSW	5	2	2	1	9	8	1	8
QAS STING	5	1	2	2	6	4	2	5
ACTAS ECLIPSE	5	1	0	4	8	16	-8	3
VICTORIA VISION	5	0	2	3	4	11	-7	2

TOP GOALSCORERS

- 4- Heather GARRIOCK (NSW Sapphires)
3- Kelly GOLEBIOWSKI (NSW Sapphires), Leigh TEREK (Victoria Vision).
2- Sharon BLACK (SASI Pirates), Amber NEILSON (Northern NSW Pride), Joanne BURGESS (NSW Sapphires), Marie SPAGNOLETTI (SASI Pirates), Belinda DAWNEY (QAS Sting), Cheryl SALISBURY (Northern NSW Pride), Dior FOXHILL (ACTAS Canberra Eclipse), Alicia FERGUSON (QAS Sting)

ROUND SIX :

Saturday 23 October

- ACTAS Canberra Eclipse v SASI Pirates 3.00pm
Ainslie Football Club
Victoria Vision v QAS Sting 2.00pm
Epping Soccer Stadium
NSW Sapphires v Northern NSW Pride 5.00pm
Valentine Sports Park

National Youth League

NORTHERN DIVISION

Results

ROUND FOUR

The ACTAS held the QAS to a one all draw at Bruce Stadium. After a scoreless first half, Morgan Cawley broke the deadlock for the QAS after 64 minutes.

Goran Veljanovski grabbed the equalizer after 81 minutes for the home side. Luke Morgan was sent off for the ACTAS in the last minute.

The Northern Spirit Colts scored a decisive 4-1 win over the Newcastle Breakers Colts at Christie Park. Luciano Berbis bagged a double for the victors with Nicolas Vasili and Tony Perinich also finding the net. James Georgeff scored the lone goal for the visitors.

The Northern Spirit completed a miserable day for the Novacastrians with a last minute strike by Derryk Kane securing a one nil win over the Newcastle Breakers. Despite the send off of last season's player of the year, Simon Catanzaro, the home side battled on to nab all three points.

The Parramatta Power continued to impress in their debut season with a hard fought victory over the Sydney United Colts. The two nil scoreline was not as convincing as the newcomer's past victories but ensured that they maintain their winning start to their campaign.

Last season's champions the AIS annihilated a hapless Sydney United Youth outfit at the AIS Soccer Field. The home side's nine goals included an Elias Demourtzides hat-trick, whilst Grant Last, Wes Bryett, Kevo Gulesserian, Mark Graham, Daniel Vasilevski and Tommy Bajurin registered singles. The AIS are in the familiar position at the top of the Northern Division ladder.

The clash between the Wollongong Wolves and the NSWIS was decided by an 85th minute penalty by Robert Petrovski for the Institute. The late strike handed the Wolves their first loss this season.

The Wollongong Wolves Colts travelled to Wentworth Park only to be thumped by a red hot Sydney Olympic Academy. The home side led two nil after 13 minutes thanks to Anthony Sarmonikas and Ben Jarman. The visitors struck back 15 minutes into the match through Matthew Parker but Meliksah Mengi netted twice before the break for the hosts. Valentino Lastro sealed the 5-1 victory after 68 minutes.

The final match of Round 3 saw the Marconi Stallions defeat their Colts by two goals to nil at the Marconi Stadium. Upon his return from injury, Francis Awaritefe scored the second for the Stallions on 32 minutes after Michael Beauchamp had broken the deadlock after 22 minutes.

A.C.T.A.S.	1	Q.A.S.	1
(Veljanovski 81')		(Cawley 64')	
Northern Spirit Colts	4	Newcastle Breakers Colts	1
(Berbis 40', 66', Vasili 41', Perinich 87')		(Georgeff 65')	
Northern Spirit	1	Newcastle Breakers	0
(Kane 89')			
Sydney United Colts	0	Parramatta Power	2
		(Scorers unavailable)	
Wollongong Wolves	0	N.S.W.I.S.	1
		(Petrovski 85' pen)	
A.I.S.	9	Sydney United	0
(Last 3', Byett 18', Demourtzidis 21', 45', 75', Gulesserian 36', Graham 53', Vasilevski 85', Bajurin 85')			
Sydney Olympic Academy	5	Wollongong Wolves Colts	1
(Sarmonikas 2', Jarman 13', Mengi 23', 31', Lastro 68')		(Parker 15')	
Marconi Stallions	2	Marconi Stallions Colts	0
(Beauchamp 22', Awaritefe 32')			

Bye - Sydney Olympic

LEADING SCORERS

Elias Demourtzides	AIS	4
Russell Miner	QAS	4
Kevo Gulesserian	AIS	3
Daniel Aliffi	ACTAS	2
Daniel Vasilevski	AIS	2
Grant Last	AIS	2
Luke Tomich	Newcastle Breakers Colts	2
Derryk Kane	Northern Spirit	2
Luciano Berbis	Northern Spirit Colts	2
Patrick Gatt	Parramatta Power	2
Ahmid Elrich	Parramatta Power	2
Morgan Cawley	QAS	2
Jonathon McKain	QAS	2
Meliksah Mengi	Sydney Olympic Academy	2
Anthony Sarmonikas	Sydney Olympic Academy	2

Friday 22 October 1999	
Parramatta Power	v Sydney Olympic Academy
(Parramatta Stadium - 5.30pm)	
Newcastle Breakers	v Northern Spirit Colts
(Breakers Stadium - 5.15pm)	
Saturday 23 October 1999	
Wollongong Wolves Colts	v Sydney United Colts
(Brandon Park No.2 2-4.00pm)	
N.S.W.I.S.	v Northern Spirit
(Valentine Park - 4.00pm)	
Sunday 24 October 1999	
Sydney United	v Marconi Stallions
(Sydney United Sports Centre - 11.30am)	
Marconi Stallions Colts	v Sydney Olympic Academy
(Marconi Stadium - 4.00pm)	
Newcastle Breakers Colts	v A.I.S.
(Breakers Stadium - 4.00pm)	
Sydney Olympic	v Wollongong Wolves
(Belmore Sports Ground - 4.00pm)	

Bye - A.C.T.A.S. and Q.A.S.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A.I.S.	3	3	0	0	18	1	9
Parramatta Power	3	3	0	0	13	0	9
Q.A.S.	3	2	1	0	14	3	7
Northern Spirit	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Wollongong Wolves	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
Northern Spirit Colts	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
A.C.T.A.S.	3	1	1	1	5	9	4
Sydney Olympic	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
N.S.W.I.S.	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sydney Olympic Academy	2	1	0	1	7	9	3
Marconi Stallions	2	2	0	1	2	6	3
Newcastle Breakers	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
Wollongong Wolves Colts	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Sydney United Colts	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Marconi Stallions Colts	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Sydney United	2	0	1	1	0	9	0

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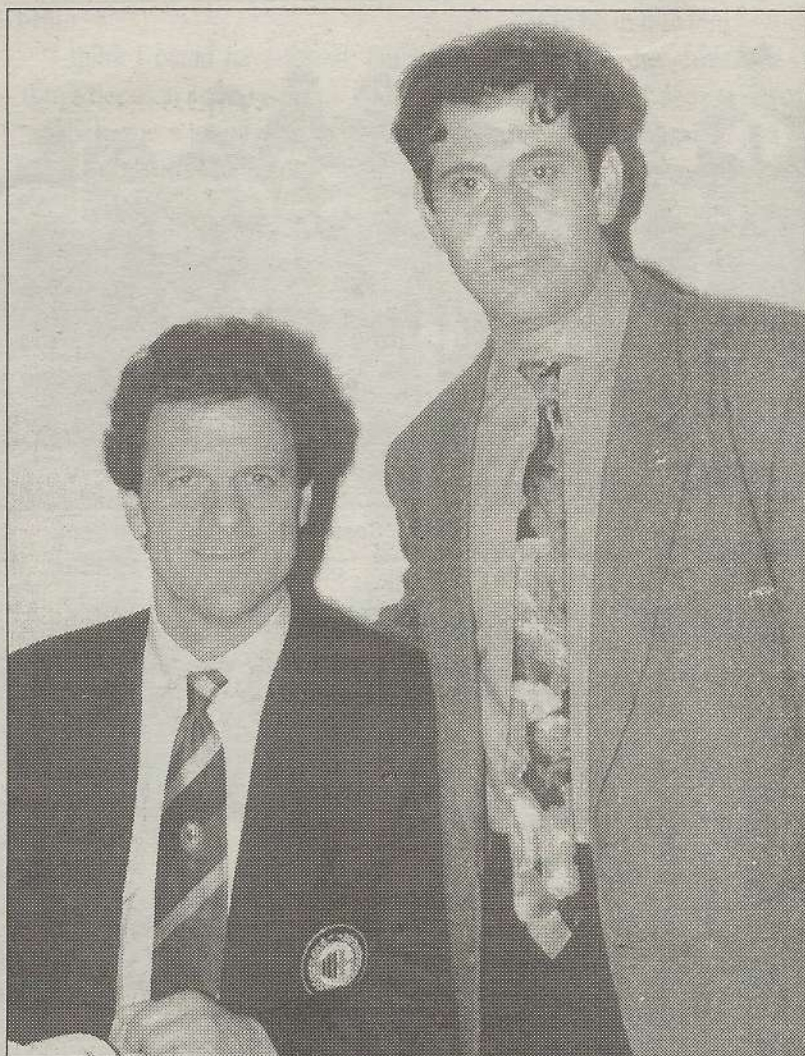
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Sydney Olympic fan Gavin Clarke, of Bass Hill in Sydney, is pictured second from right with Sydney Olympic players Zlatko Arambasic (far left), coach Branko Culina (standing), Adrian Cervinski (seated, centre) and Jimmy Kourtis (right).

The photo by Chris Bogiatzis was taken at Sydney Olympic's season launch at Darling Harbour. Gavin wrote: "...I was thrilled when they all agreed to do the shoot. Please convey my thanks to all the guys..."

Gaetano Melita, of Concord in Sydney's inner west, is pictured with Italian super coach Fabio Capello. The picture was taken during AC Milan's tour of Australia in 1993. Capello is now coach of Serie A side Roma.



AUSTRALIAN UNDER-17s JOEYS

The Australian Under-17 Soccer Team last week embarked on a month long tour of South America before its campaign at the World Youth Soccer Championship in New Zealand in November.

The 19-man Joeys Squad will play both the Uruguayan and Argentine National Under-17 teams as well as local Club teams, before heading for Christchurch for their first group game of the World Cup against Brazil on November 12.

THE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

14th October	Uruguayan Under 17 National Team (Uruguay)
18th October	Uruguayan Under 17 National Team (Uruguay)
20th October	Nacional (Uruguay)
23rd October	Universidad Catolica (Chile)
26th October	Colo Colo (Chile)
28th October	Universidad de Chile (Chile)
1st November	Argentina Under 17 National Team (Argentina)
4th November	Argentina Under 17 National Team (Argentina)

AUSTRALIA'S WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

GROUP C

November 12, 1999	Australia v Brazil	(Christchurch)
November 14, 1999	Australia v Germany	(Christchurch)
November 17, 1999	Australia v Mali	(Christchurch)

The Australian Squad is:

PLAYER

BRAIN Louis
BYRNES Mark
CANSELL-SHERRIFF Shane
DI IORIO Joe
DOUMANIS Anthony
FYFE Iain
GOULDING Aaron
GROVES Bradley
JOHNSON James
KENNEDY Joshua
LOCKHART Shane
MACALLISTER Dylan
MADESCHI Adrian
MCDONALD Scott
MILOSEVIC Matthew
NORTH Jade
PANTELIUS Lucas
SRHOJ Wayne
VAN STRATTAN Jess

CLUB

Adelaide Force (Australia)
Parramatta Power (Australia)
Leeds United (UK)
Werder Bremen (Germany)
NSWIS (Australia)
SASI (Australia)
SASI (Australia)
Leeds United (UK)
Queensland Academy of Sport (Australia)
AIS/Carlton SC (Australia)
NSWIS (Australia)
Sydney Olympic (Australia)
Atalanta Bergamo (Italy)
VIS (Australia)
SASI (Australia)
AIS/Brisbane Strikers (Australia)
AIS (Australia)
AIS/Brisbane Strikers (Australia)
Northern Spirit (Australia)

JUNIOR SOCCER

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation State Under-14 Titles were held in the rural town of Bathurst from October 6-9. The round robin competition involved the top three teams from the NSW Super Youth League (Sydney Olympic, Sydney United, Gladesville Hornsby), the top team from Division One (Ryde City) and four representative NSW Country teams (Southern Branch, Western Branch, Riverina and Central Coast). Sydney United ended up finishing on top while the best country team was Southern Branch.

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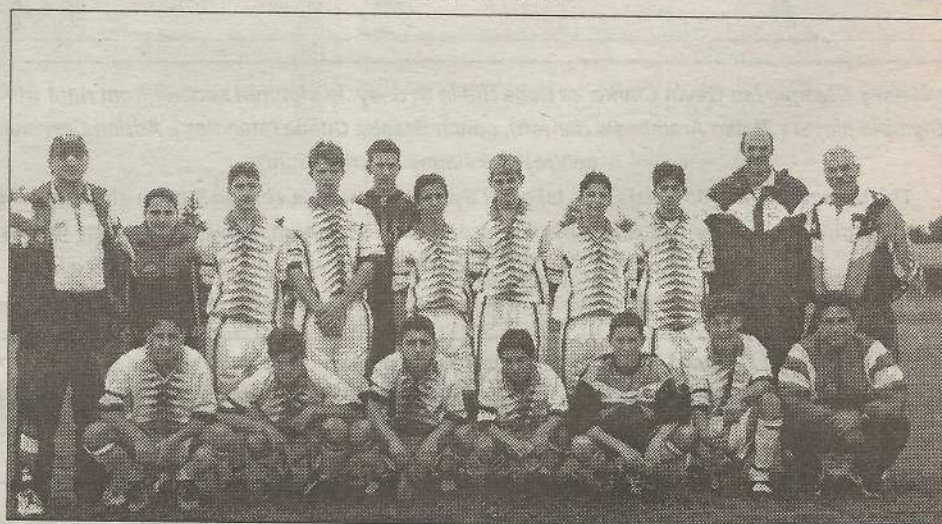
Central Coast



Southern Branch



Gladesville Hornsby



Sydney Olympic



Riverina



Sydney United



Ryde City



Western Branch

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Marconi Stallions' Under 15s recently won the NSW Super Youth League competition, defeating Blacktown City 2-0 in the grand final.



Back row, left to right: Robert Bennett, Simon Osborne, Bobby Kroeche, Ricky Goodworth, Ben Andrews, Ryan Turner, Ian Glover (coach), Jake Glover, Scott Cowan, David Kennedy, Ann Whittaker (manager), Greg Allen (assistant coach)
Front row, left to right: Ryan Hardy-Porter, Will Bailey, Ben Whittaker, Joseph Sheridan, Aaron Catanach, Joe Allen

Cathie Bennett, of Corindi Beach on the NSW North Coast, writes: "...Our Holiday Coast (Coffs Harbour) Under-14 boys representative side recently contested the Releve Coast Gold Championship Cup hosted by Mudgeeraba Junior Soccer Club.

The team went through the

competition undefeated scoring 40 goals and conceding only six and winning the grand final against Bankstown 1-0.

Two of the players have also received awards from The Holiday Coast Association for achievements with their club sides.

Robert Bennett, who plays for Corindi/Red Rock Soccer Club,

was the highest goal scorer for his age group for the second year in a row.

Bobby Kroeche, who plays for Orara Valley Soccer Club, was the Under-14s Player of the Year.

The boys are now continuing with the newly-established Academy Feeder Program which runs for 40 weeks.



Pictured is the Canterbury Junior Soccer Club under-8 team which won the Abbotsford Gala Day Shield this season.

The team is coached by former Sydney Olympic Under-19 Colts coach Chris Karatzis.

The experienced coach believes there are some upcoming stars in his team. Back row left to right: Spook Thompson, Glen Blackhall, Chris Karatzis (coach), Bill Thompson (assistant coach)

Second row, left to right: Anton "Cherry Ripe" Panucci, Andrew Risicato, Nicholas Karatzis, Mo Hamadi, Gabriel Manousaridis, Elie Esber

Front row: Angus Bowen, Joshua Foti (c), Clint Blackhall, Nino Emmi, Nicholas "I'm Tuff" Thompson.

MAITLAND BOY WINS AIS SPOT

Newcastle Breakers goalkeeper Peter Wood has been selected in the Australian Institute of Sport for the next 12 months.

Wood hails from Maitland in the Hunter District and recently signed a three-year contract with the Breakers, due to expire in June, 2002.

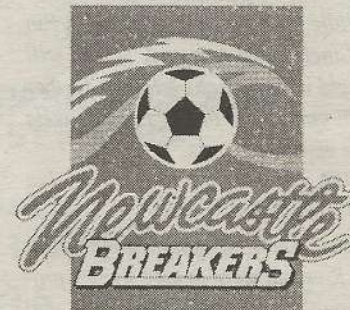
The 16 year old joined the club in 1998 playing Under 15s and this year in the Under 16s.

After intense trialling Wood was offered a contract and a place in the Breakers Colts team which he will now play against while at the AIS.

Prior to him joining the Breakers, Peter played for Adamstown Rosebuds who were then in the NSW Super Youth League.

Wood excelled for the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Under-16 team which competed in the Australian titles in Canberra last month.

Northern NSW only lost one match, that being the semi-final against Victoria 2-1 after Northern NSW topped their group before winning the third and fourth playoff over South Australia 3-1.



FIFA CLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH AGAINST UNITED

By Bert van Bedaf

The millennium dream has come true for South Melbourne. The Australian and Oceania champion will get its date with England and European champion Manchester United at the World Championship for clubs in Brazil next year.

The year 2000 tournament will be held from January 5-14.

Club president George Vasilopoulos and coach Ange Postecoglou attended the draw in Rio De Janeiro last week. Postecoglou was rapt over the outcome.

"We wanted to stay in Rio de Janeiro and we wanted to play Manchester United in our group. Both of those dreams have come true, and if things happen in threes, you never know what might happen next," a delighted Postecoglou said.

South is in Group B with United, South American champion Vasco Da Gama and Necaxa, the Mexican club representing the North and Central American Confederation as champion.

In Group A are Real Madrid, the Toyota Intercontinental Cup champion of Spain, Corinthians of Brazil, and Al Nasr of Saudi Arabia. The African champion, making up the four, is yet to be decided.

South Melbourne will be based at the huge Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Its opening match in the new



South Melbourne last season.

Millennium is against Da Gama on January 6, followed by Necaxa two days later. Its historic date with Man United is on January 11.

Vasco — a club founded by the Portuguese colony — is often nicknamed "Dried Cod" after that country's national dish.

Vasilopoulos could scarcely believe his club had risen to these dizzy heights.

"Who would have thought two years ago, we'd be going to Rio de Janeiro to play the biggest clubs in the world," he said.

South's opening game will be a rematch of sorts for Postecoglou. "I know quite a bit about Vasco da Gama," the South coach said.

"I actually played against them 15 years ago at Olympic Park in Melbourne, when they toured Australia

against the Socceroos. That's my bit of history there.

"This is the biggest event for Australian soccer since the Socceroos qualified for the World Cup in 1974. To have the opportunity of playing these great sides is just incredible."

Club general manager Damien Phillips was busy preparing for the increased international media attention South is expected to receive.

"This will lift our profile, but also soccer in Australia as a whole. It will be good for everybody. We've already received a lot of attention and I expect this will grow as the tournament gets nearer," he said.

So far, South Melbourne has been flying the Aussie flag on such major media networks as CNN, BBC and Brazilian television.

The draw in Rio was attended by more than 250 journalists, and Postecoglou was a little surprised by the knowledge shown about South Melbourne.

"There's been a lot of curiosity displayed, but many of the people who interviewed me including the BBC World Service, must have surfed the web and hit our website, because they were aware of our recent results, our players and who's scoring at the moment," Postecoglou said immediately after the draw.

"Many of the questions were directed at how we're going to approach such a big event, but to tell you the truth, I'm not too worried about that.

"The whole team will be focussed, and the reality of the situation is that most of these teams are a million miles ahead of us at the moment.

"Having said that, they'll also underestimate us, and if we go in with the right attitude, then we can slip under their guard, catch someone on an off day, and in these kind of games, who knows what can happen."

MAN U HAPPY WITH THE DRAW

Manchester United director Sir Bobby Charlton has expressed his relief at drawing the so-called easier group — South Melbourne, Vasco Da Gama and Necaxa.

He said: "That draw sounds alright, especially considering Madrid are in the other group."

"But the Mexicans will be strong, as will the Brazilians Vasco da Gama, but I know we will not be taking anything for granted."

"We played in Melbourne during the (European) summer but we did not play against South Melbourne so that will be a new challenge for the team."

"But this is a new competition and we will wait and see what happens when we get out there."

While Group B will be based in Rio de Janeiro, the Group A games will be held in Sao Paulo, which is further south and where the weather is likely to be more temperate.

FIFA general secretary Michel Zen Ruffinen presided over the draw in which former Brazilian greats Zico and Rivelino were among five ex-professionals who took it in turns to pull



coloured balls from glass pots.

In the draw organisers determined beforehand that Real Madrid and Manchester United would be placed in separate groups, as would the two Brazilian teams.

The Group B teams will face the searing heat and stifling humidity of mid-summer in Rio when even local championships normally take a break.

Conditions in Sao Paulo are somewhat more bearable.

The new competition, which has been fiercely criticised in Europe as merely cluttering up an already overcrowded calendar, is being proclaimed by FIFA as a battle to find the genuine world club champions.

But of the teams taking part only half will actually be current champi-

ons of their continents — Manchester United, Necaxa, South Melbourne and the African champions, which will be decided in December.

Vasco won the South American Libertadores Cup in August 1998, Al Nasr qualified as winners of the 1998 Asian Supercup and Real Madrid are taking part as winners of last year's Intercontinental Cup.

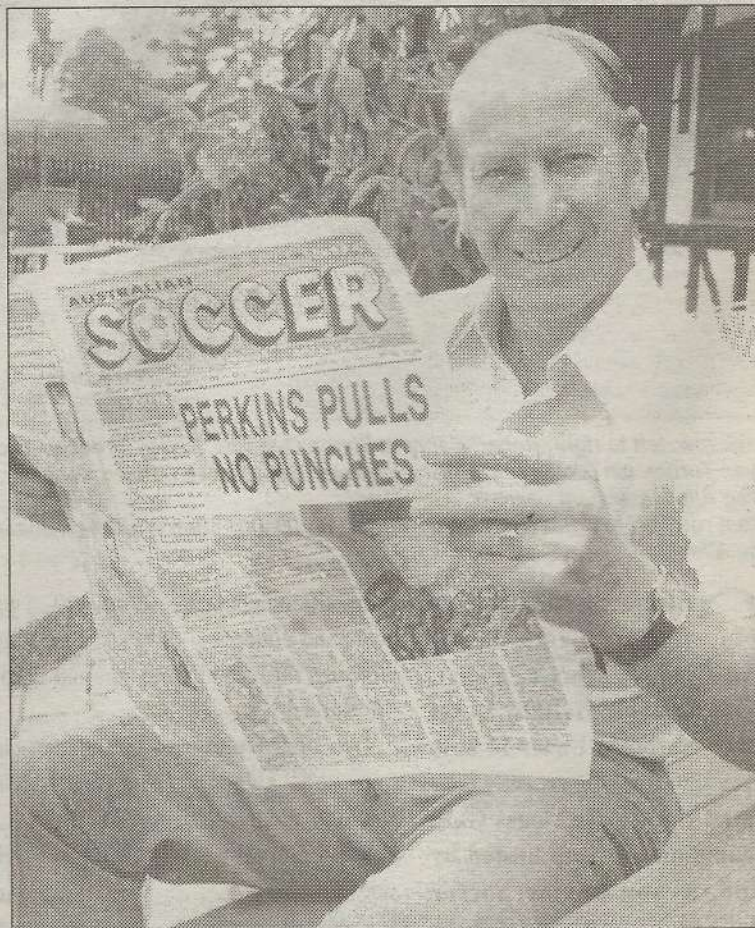
Corinthians, Brazilian champions in 1998, are the team nominated by the host country.

FIFA official Abdullah Al Dabal, chairman of the organising committee, explained that each confederation had been granted the right to choose its representative.

"Some chose their champions from last year or the winners of their Supercup," he said.

Although the competition has been under fire, Zen Ruffinen said FIFA wanted to make it an annual event and would not deny that future editions may involve up to 16 clubs.

"If this proves to be a success I am sure that the organising committee will have a look at the possibility of increasing the number of teams," he said.



Bobby Charlton pictured in Australia in the 1980s. Charlton is happy with Manchester United's draw.



WORLD

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

ARSENAL 4 EVERTON 1

Everton started brightly and took the lead through a John Collins free kick at Highbury before Arsenal turned up the heat.

Defender Lee Dixon equalised just before half time – his first goal since 1996 – slamming home from one metre out after a Dennis Bergkamp free kick hit the woodwork.

The hosts took the lead 2-1 five minutes into the second half through Croatian striker Davor Suker who converted a Marc Overmars cross. Suker added another with a stroked left foot shot for 3-1 just after the hour and Nwankwo Kanu buried Everton's hopes with a volley minutes from the end.

COVENTRY CITY 4

NEWCASTLE UNITED 1

Carlton Palmer scored his first goal for Coventry with a glancing header off a Gary McAllister cross in the 13th minute and Paul Williams doubled the home lead eight minutes later with his first goal in two-and-a-half years.

Things went from bad to worse for Bobby Robson's struggling side when defender Warren Barton was sent off on the half hour for a bad tackle on Youssef Chippo. Robbie Keane slotted home to make it 3-0 in the 39th minute.

Didier Domi pulled one back for the visitors but Mustapha Hadji weighed in at the death to make it 4-1.

DERBY COUNTY 0 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1

Derby went down to a spirited Spurs side 1-0 at home in a largely uninspiring clash.

Chris Armstrong scored with a diving header past goalkeeper Russell Hoult after an inch-perfect David Ginola cross in the 37th minute to settle matters.

LEEDS UNITED 2 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0

Leeds won their ninth straight match, equalling a club record set in 1931, thanks to a double strike from Alan Smith.

The hosts finally took the lead in this hard-fought Yorkshire derby after a blunder by Wednesday goal-



Dwight Yorke scores against Watford.

keeper Pavel Srnicek in the 70th minute.

The Czech international spilled a shot from Leeds' Darren Huckerby and Smith was on hand to mop up and grab the opener.

Minutes later it was 2-0 as a Huckerby cross hit the post and Smith, again, was at hand to slot home.

LEICESTER CITY 2 SOUTHAMPTON 1

Steve Guppy celebrated his first England cap by scoring the opener against Southampton. Guppy, who played against Belgium in England's international friendly last week, put the hosts ahead after just eight minutes.

Tony Cottee doubled their lead when he stabbed home past Paul Jones with six minutes of the first half left.

Marians Pahars pulled Southampton back into the game with six minutes to go but Leicester held on for victory.

LIVERPOOL 1 CHELSEA 0

Liverpool grabbed the lead two minutes after half time following a foul by Frank Leboeuf on Michael Owen. The free kick was whipped in and David Thompson swept home from 5m for his first of the season.

Chelsea's Marcel Desailly was sent off for a foul on Danny Murphy in the penalty box with 18 minutes to go but Owen put the spot kick wide.

Dennis Wise also received a red card for Chelsea for spitting near the end of the match as Liverpool held on for victory.

MAN UNITED 4 WATFORD 1

United dominated the first half and although it took them 39 minutes to score, the wait was worth it as they then hit three in six minutes.

Dwight Yorke powered a superb overhead kick for 1-0 and then just seconds later crossed for Andy Cole to head home for 2-0.

Denis Irwin's penalty saw the hosts go into half time 3-0 up.

United started the second half in equally devastating fashion. Cole grabbed his second for 4-0 with an overhead kick of his own in the 50th minute.

Australia's Richard Johnson grabbed a consolation goal for Watford with a thumped left foot shot past Mark Bosnich after 68 minutes.

Watford were down to 10 men three minutes from the end when Mark Williams was sent off for a clumsy challenge.

WIMBLEDON 3 BRADFORD CITY 2

Striker John Hartson gave Wimbledon a deserved lead at Selhurst Park, slamming in a bobbling ball from 8m out after 22 minutes of action.

Hartson made it 2-0 nine minutes from half time with a firm header, but Lee Mills pulled one back for the visitors right on the whistle.

Carl Cort made sure of Wimbledon's first home win since January with a header with 15 minutes to go although Dean Windass pulled it back to 3-2 in the last minute.

MIDDLESBROUGH 2 WEST HAM 0

Middlesbrough scored two tap-in goals on Sunday to beat 10-man West Ham 2-0. Brian Deane barely managed to score from less than six metres into an open net after West Ham goalkeeper Craig Forrest had tipped a fierce 25-metre shot by Paul Ince on to the bar.

Second half substitute Alun Armstrong stroked home a second in the 89th minute after a pass deflected off Rio Ferdinand into Armstrong's path.

ITALY'S SERIE A

LECCE 2 REGGINA 1

Lece finished the match with nine-men following the dismissal of goalkeeper Antonio Chimenti and Claudio Bonomi in the last four minutes – but they had already done enough to join Reggina in the top half of Serie A.

David Sesa's 45th minute penalty quickly cancelled out Roberto Baronio's spotkick five minutes earlier before Bonomi's superb 77th minute freekick sealed victory.

AC MILAN 2 CAGLIARI 2

Ex-Milan player Domenico Morfeo's joy at putting the visitors into a seventh minute lead was short-lived: the striker pulled a muscle finishing off Belgian Luis Oliveira's corner and had to be replaced.

Three minutes later, Ukrainian Andriy Shevchenko levelled from the penalty spot only for Daniele Berretta to restore the Sardinian team's lead in the 38th minute. Patrick Mboma hit the post for

Cagliari and Paolo Maldini had a goal disallowed before Oliver Bierhoff levelled 12 minutes from the final whistle.

PIACENZA 0 BOLOGNA 0

Bologna, who meet Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup this week, squandered a gilt-edged chance to lift themselves out of relegation trouble against 10-man Piacenza.

The home side played most of the match with 10-men after Carmine Gautieri was sent off in the 37th minute but Bologna's three-man attack of Nicola Ventola, Giuseppe Signori and Kennet Andersson failed to take advantage.

AS ROMA 0 JUVENTUS 1

Zinedine Zidane showed glimpses of his best form and Juventus recorded their first victory at the Olympic stadium since March 1991. The Frenchman scored the only goal of the match with a pinpoint freekick in the 51st minute.

Vincent Candela hit the post in the first-half for Roma and Juve's Dutch goal-

keeper Edwin Van Der Sar denied Vincenzo Montella and Aldair in the last quarter. In the dying minutes Zidane was dismissed for his second bookable offence.

TORINO 3 BARI 1

Andrea Silenzi, who has played for Nottingham Forest, Venezia and Reggiana since scoring his last Serie A goal in 1994/95 with Torino, ended his long goal drought with a diving 42nd minute header.

Defender Duccio Innocenti levelled the scores straight after the break and Bari threatened to claim their first success in Turin in 30 years before Marco Ferrante and Andrea Scarchill struck in the last seven minutes to snatch victory for Torino.

VENEZIA 1 INTER MILAN 0

Inter's Chilean international Ivan Zamorano hit the bar and Ronaldo had a shot cleared off the line before Filippo Maniero put Venezia ahead in the 46th

minute.

Angelo Peruzzi pulled off a superb point-blank double save from Dejan Petkovic in the 62nd minute, but it was irrelevant as not even subs Christian Vieri and Roberto Baggio could save Inter from sinking to a second successive defeat in Venice.

VERONA 2 PERUGIA 0

Ex-Parma and Italy defender Luigi Apolloni marked his Verona debut by getting booked after just 11 minutes. Verona won the match with a 25th minute goal from Fabrizio Cammarata and an own-goal by Alessandro Calori in the 60th minute.

Perugia's goalkeeper Andrea Mazzantini was shown the red card in the 84th minute.

FIorentina 0 PARMA 2

After absorbing sustained Fiorentina pressure for most of the match,

Parma's second-half substitute Marco Di Vaio condemned the home-side to their second successive defeat at the Artemio Franchi Stadium.

First, the ex-Salernitana striker grabbed an 83rd minute opportunist goal, then he set-up team-mate Roberto Breda to cross for France's Alain Boghossian to add a second in injury-time.

UDINESE 0 LAZIO 3

Lazio's 15-year unbeaten record at the Stadio Friuli never looked in doubt once Argentine Juan Veron had superbly volleyed his side into a 31st minute lead from Portuguese Sergio Conceicao's pinpoint cross.

Croat Alen Boksic took advantage of a mix-up in the Udinese area to add a second in the 43rd minute before Yugoslav defender Sinisa Mihajlovic sealed an impressive victory with a trademark freekick in the 84th minute.



UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



GROUP A

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14			
Bayer Leverkusen	1	Lazio	1
Dynamo Kiev	1	Maribor	1
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22			
Maribor	0	Bayer Leverkusen	2
Lazio	2	Dynamo Kiev	1
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29			
Lazio	4	Maribor	0
Bayer Leverkusen	1	Dynamo Kiev	1
TUESDAY, OCT. 19			
Maribor v Lazio			
Dynamo Kiev v Bayer Leverkusen			
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27			
Lazio v Bayer Leverkusen			
Maribor v Dynamo Kiev			
TUESDAY, NOV. 2			
Bayer Leverkusen v Maribor			
Dynamo Kiev v Lazio			

Table							
Lazio	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Bayer Leverkusen	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Maribor Teatonic	3	1	0	2	1	6	3
Dynamo Kiev	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

GROUP B

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14			
AIK	1	Barcelona	2
Fiorentina	0	Arsenal	0
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22			
Arsenal	3	AIK Stockholm	1
Barcelona	4	Fiorentina	2
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29			
Barcelona	1	Arsenal	1
AIK Stockholm	0	Fiorentina	0
TUESDAY, OCT. 19			
Arsenal v Barcelona			
Fiorentina v AIK Stockholm			
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27			
Barcelona v AIK Stockholm			
Arsenal v Fiorentina			
TUESDAY, NOV. 2			
AIK Stockholm v Arsenal			
Fiorentina v Barcelona			

Table							
Barcelona	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Arsenal	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Fiorentina	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
AIK Stockholm	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP C

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14			
Boavista	0	Rosenborg	3
Feyenoord	1	B. Dortmund	1
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22			
B. Dortmund	3	Boavista	1
Rosenborg	2	Feyenoord	2
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29			
Rosenborg	2	B. Dortmund	2
Boavista	1	Feyenoord	1
TUESDAY, OCT. 19			
Borussia Dortmund v Rosenborg			
Feyenoord v Boavista			
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27			
Rosenborg v Boavista			
Borussia Dortmund v Feyenoord			
TUESDAY, NOV. 2			
Boavista v Borussia Dortmund			
Feyenoord v Rosenborg			

Table							
Dortmund	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Rosenborg	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Feyenoord	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Boavista	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

GROUP D

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14			
Manchester Utd	0	Croatia Zagreb	0
Marseille	2	Sturm Graz	0
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22			
Sturm Graz	0	Man.Utd	3
Croatia Zagreb	1	Marseille	2
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29			
Croatia Zagreb	3	Sturm Graz	0
Manchester Utd	2	Marseille	1
TUESDAY, OCT. 19			
Sturm Graz v Croatia Zagreb			
Olympique Marseille v Manchester United			
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27			
Croatia Zagreb v Manchester United			
Sturm Graz v Olympique Marseille			
TUESDAY, NOV. 2			
Manchester United v Sturm Graz			
Olympique Marseille v Croatia Zagreb			

Table							
Manchester U	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Marseille	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Croatia Zagreb	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Sturm Graz	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

GROUP E

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15			
Olympiakos	3	Real Madrid	3
Molde	0	FC Porto	1
TUESDAY, SEPT. 21			
FC Porto	2	Olympiakos	0
Real Madrid	4	Molde	1
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28			
Real Madrid	3	FC Porto	1
Olympiakos	3	Molde	1
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20			
FC Porto v Real Madrid			
Molde v Olympiakos			
TUESDAY, OCT. 26			
Real Madrid v Olympiakos			
FC Porto v Molde			
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3			
Olympiakos v FC Porto			
Molde v Real Madrid			

Table							
Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
Porto	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Olympiakos	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Molde	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

GROUP F

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15			
Bayern Munich	2	PSV Eindhoven	1
Valencia	2	Rangers	0
TUESDAY, SEPT. 21			
Rangers	1	Bayern Munich	1
PSV Eindhoven	1	Valencia	1
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28			
PSV Eindhoven	0	Rangers	1
Bayern Munich	1	Valencia	1
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20			
Rangers v PSV Eindhoven			
Valencia v Bayern Munich			
TUESDAY, OCT. 26			
PSV Eindhoven v Bayern Munich			
Rangers v Valencia			
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3			
Bayern Munich v Rangers			
Valencia v PSV Eindhoven			

Table							
Valencia	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Bayern Munich	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Rangers	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
PSV Eindhoven	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

GROUP G

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15			
Sparta Prague	0	Bordeaux	0
Willem II	1	Spartak Moscow	3
TUESDAY, SEPT. 21			
Spartak Moscow	1	Sparta Prague	1
Bordeaux	3	Willem II	2
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28			
Bordeaux	2	Spartak Moscow	1
Sparta Prague	4	Willem II	0
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20			
Spartak Moscow v Bordeaux			
Willem II v Sparta Prague			
TUESDAY, OCT. 26			
Bordeaux v Sparta Prague			
Spartak Moscow v Willem II			
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3			
Sparta Prague v Spartak Moscow			
Willem II v Bordeaux			

Table							
Bordeaux	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Sparta Prague	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
Spartak Moscow	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Willem II Tilburg	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

GROUP H

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15			
Chelsea	0	AC Milan	0
Galatasaray	2	Hertha Berlin	2
TUESDAY, SEPT. 21			
Hertha Berlin	2	Chelsea	1
AC Milan	2	Galatasaray	1
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28			
AC Milan	1	Hertha Berlin	1
Chelsea	1	Galatasaray	0
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20			
Hertha Berlin v AC Milan			
Galatasaray v Chelsea			
TUESDAY, OCT. 28			
AC Milan v Chelsea			
Hertha Berlin v Galatasaray			
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3			
Chelsea v Hertha Berlin			
Galatasaray v AC Milan			

Table							
Hertha Berlin	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
AC Milan	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Chelsea	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Galatasaray	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

SECOND ROUND

Four Groups of Four
Nov. 24, Dec. 8, March 1, March 8,
March 15, March 22

QUARTER FINALS

FIRST LEG — April 5
SECOND LEG — April 19

SEMI-FINALS

FIRST LEG — May 3
SECOND LEG — May 10

FINAL

Wednesday, May 24
At TBA



FIFA

World Rankings

(Valid until November 17)



1	Brazil	69	Cyprus	137	Libya
2	Czech Republic	70	Mali	138	St Vincent/Gr
3	France	71	Guatemala	139	Ethiopia
4	Spain	72	Estonia	140	Hong Kong
5	Germany	73	Burkina Faso	141	Solomon Islands
6	Croatia	74	AUSTRALIA	142	San Marino
7	Norway	75	Honduras	143	Panama
8	Argentina	76	Bosnia-Herzegovina	144	Sri Lanka
8	Romania	76	Nigeria	145	Dominica
10	Italy	78	Northern Ireland	145	Saint Lucia
10	Mexico	78	Cuba	147	Andorra
12	England	80	Uzbekistan	148	Antigua & Barbuda
13	Portugal	81	Algeria	148	Bangladesh
14	Sweden	82	Canada	150	Gambia
15	Yugoslavia	83	Senegal	150	Lesotho
16	Netherlands	84	Albania	152	Dominican Rep.
17	Denmark	84	Namibia	152	Laos
18	Paraguay	86	Gabon	154	Yemen
19	Russia	87	Armenia	155	Mauritania
20	Scotland	88	Guinea	156	Niger
21	Slovakia	89	Qatar	157	Rwanda
22	United States	90	Togo	158	Cayman Islands
23	Chile	91	Wales	159	Maldives
23	Ukraine	92	Oman	160	Kyrgyzstan
25	Austria	93	El Salvador	160	Surinam
25	Colombia	93	Iraq	162	British Virgin Is.
27	Israel	95	Moldova	163	Bermuda
28	Morocco	96	Belarus	163	Botswana
29	South Africa	97	Mozambique	165	Nepal
30	Greece	98	Azerbaijan	166	Korea DPR
30	Poland	99	New Zealand	167	Netherlands Ant.
32	Belgium	100	Indonesia	168	Eritrea
32	Tunisia	101	Liberia	169	Palestine
34	Zambia	101	Kenya	170	Guyana
35	Republic of Ireland	101	Singapore	171	Cambodia
36	Bulgaria	104	Haiti	171	Guinea-Bissau
37	Turkey	105	Congo	173	Chinese Taipei
38	Egypt	106	Vietnam	174	Macao
38	Saudi Arabia	107	Syria	175	Cape Verde Islands
40	Korea Republic	108	Lebanon	176	Tonga
41	Trinidad & Tobago	109	Uganda	177	Samoa
42	Uruguay	110	Venezuela	178	Cook Islands
43	Peru	111	Faroe Islands	178	Papua New Guinea
44	Jamaica	112	Malawi	180	Philippines
45	Lithuania	113	Barbados	181	Pakistan
46	Hungary	114	India	182	Vanuatu
47	Iceland	115	Malaysia	183	Puerto Rico
47	Iran	116	Jordan	184	Brunei Darussalam
49	Ivory Coast	117	Kazakhstan	185	Chad
49	Switzerland	118	Sierra Leone	186	Aruba
51	Japan	119	Mauritius	186	Bahamas
52	Finland	120	Malta	188	Belize
52	Slovenia	121	Grenada	188	Seychelles
54	Ghana	122	Luxembourg	190	Nicaragua
55	Angola	123	Tanzania	191	US Virgin Islands
56	Cameroon	124	Bahrain	192	Djibouti
57	Bolivia	125	Turkmenistan	193	Turks & Caicos Is.
58	Kuwait	126	Myanmar	194	Equatorial Guinea
59	China PR	127	Sudan	194	Sao Tome e Principe
60	Congo DR (Zaire)	128	Liechtenstein	196	Somalia
61	Ecuador	129	Swaziland	197	Central African Rep.
62	Georgia	130	Tajikistan	198	Mongolia
63	United Arab Emirates	131	Fiji	198	American Samoa
64	FYR Macedonia	132	Burundi	200	Guam
64	Latvia	133	Madagascar	201	Anguilla
66	Thailand	134	Tahiti	201	Montserrat
67	Costa Rica	135	Benin		
68	Zimbabwe	136	St Kitts & Nevis		

Note: Teams inactive since 1991 and teams which have not played yet do not appear in the table.

THE UNCLE RETIRES



Italian football bid farewell last week to former Inter Milan and international defender Giuseppe Bergomi (pictured) with a charity match at the San Siro stadium.

The game was between past and present greats from the two teams - Inter and Italy - he graced for 17 years.

Bergomi, 35, announced his retirement at the end of the 1998/99 season after making 519 league appearances for Inter and winning 81 caps for his

country.

Lo zio, (the uncle), as he is known to Italian fans, achieved early fame as part of Italy's World Cup winning squad in 1982 when aged just 18.

A regular in the national side through the 80s, he was ignored during much of the 90s but remained a fixture in the Inter line-up, winning three UEFA Cup titles and one league championship.

After a seven-year absence from the national team, Bergomi returned for the 1998 World Cup in France at

the age of 34.

A host of top players, current and from former days, such as Paolo Rossi, Juergen Klinsmann and Lothar Matthaeus, were on display for the 20,000 crowd.

The match, played at leisurely pace, ended 5-5 with AC Milan ex-international striker Maurizio Ganz scoring a hat-trick for the Italian team and Ronaldo on target for the Inter side.

Profits from the game went to a children's charity.

BECKHAM IN COURT

David Beckham has been ordered to appear in court on a speeding charge.

The Manchester United and England midfielder was issued with a summons to appear before Stockport magistrates on November 3. He is accused of exceeding an 80km speed limit on July 24.



Beckham owns an Aston Martin DB7, a Ferrari Maranello, a Porsche 911 Carrera, a Range Rover, a Bentley Arnage, a Jaguar XJR Coupe and a Mercedes CLK convertible.



David Beckham during last week's testimonial match for coach Sir Alex Ferguson.



PORTUGAL 2004

UEFA STUNS EUROPE WITH HOST COUNTRY CHOICE

Portugal scored a stunning footballing victory off the field last Tuesday when it won the contest to host the 2004 European Championship finals.

Portugal upset neighbours Spain, long considered to be the hot favourites to host the event, and also

saw off a joint-bid from Austria and Hungary.

Eusebio, Portugal's most famous player who has worked as an ambassador for the bid since 1997, cheered as if he had scored a winning goal with the rest of the Portuguese delegation as UEFA President Lennart Johansson

announced their victory.

"It is absolutely fantastic," he said afterwards, "I have worked hard for this for 18 months and there were three great bids involved.

"But I always had a feeling we could do it. I feel like I did when Benfica won the European Cup in 1962 and I scored twice. Portugal is a small country — but everyone loves football."

The Portuguese bid was based on the simple slogan "We Love Football" and Gilberto Madail, the president of the Portuguese Football Federation could hardly contain his joy afterwards.

"This is the greatest day of my life" he said. "We have done everything we could conceivably do to show that a country like Portugal is capable of organising a competition like the Euro 2004 Championships.

"By this decision UEFA have turned over a new page in European soccer history."

Johansson said afterwards that although the decision may have come as a surprise to many, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to award the tournament to Portugal after a glowing report from the 2004 inspection committee.

"Even though some of the stadiums have yet to be built, they were convinced the Portuguese bid was the best.

"As far as I am concerned, it was not a question of Spain having had everything recently and Portugal having nothing. It was simply a case of voting on the organising committee recommendations — otherwise there is no point in having one." The Spanish delegation appeared stunned by the decision.

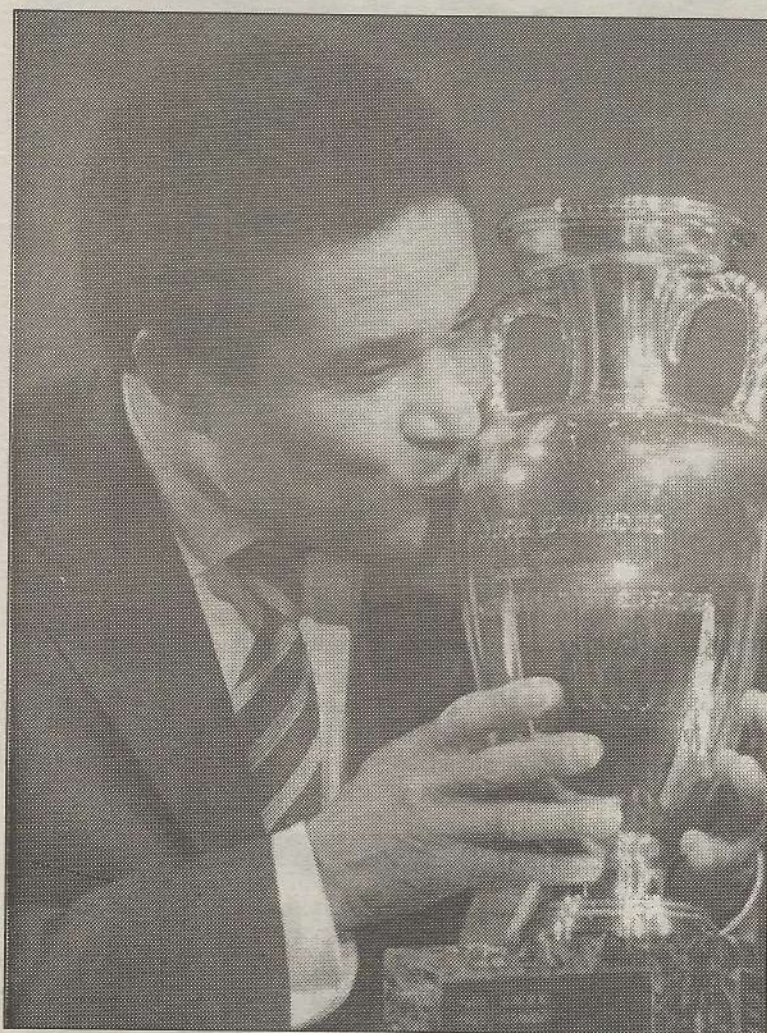
Angel Maria Villar Llona, the president of the Spanish F.A. and a UEFA

Executive Committee member who was ineligible to vote, could not contain his astonishment. "It is a very big surprise and I congratulate the Portuguese.

"But it is not true what Egidius Braun (the chairman of the European Championship Committee) has said. He said that Portugal had better stadi-

Heinz Palme, the head of the joint bid from Austria and Hungary said: "I do think though that they have a lot of stadiums to build for a small country. They had a great bid, a lot of enthusiasm and I hope it all goes well for them come the day."

The biggest football tournament Portugal has hosted was the World



Eusebio kisses the European Championship trophy.



Portugal Football Association president Gilberto Madail gives the thumbs up.

EURO 2004 TO BE BEST EVER

Portugal immediately pledged to work flat out to make the 2004 European soccer championship a stunning success after winning the bidding last week to stage the tournament.

"We are going to organise the best championship that Europe has ever seen," state secretary for sport Miranda Calha told journalists in Aachen, Germany, where UEFA announced its decision.

Portugal, which beat off competition from neighbours Spain and a joint bid by Austria and Hungary, lobbied hard for the championship, arguing that it would give an enormous boost to the game locally.

The country, which has never hosted such a

high-profile tournament before, will spend \$300 million on building five new stadiums from scratch and revamp five others.

"This is an excellent day for Portugal," said President Jorge Sampaio. "It is a great opportunity that we cannot waste ... so let's get down to work."

Spanish sports minister Francisco Villar, who had been confident of bringing the championship to Spain, said his camp was feeling "a little crushed" by the decision.

But he congratulated Portugal for their winning bid and said the result would not deter Spain from applying to host future events. "Objectively, our bid was the strongest of the three candidates," Villar said.

ums and hotels than Spain and this is simply not true.

"It is exactly because Portugal does not have the stadiums and hotels that they won the bid. UEFA sees this as a chance to help football in Portugal develop."

Youth Cup in 1991.

Portugal are planning to use 10 stadiums — three of which are not yet built — in Braga, Aviero and Faro, and two which are to be re-built in Oporto and Lisbon.



Eusebio and Gilberto Madail with the European Championship trophy.

WORLD

ERIC IS STILL THE STAR



Eric Cantona comes on for Gianluca Vialli

Just as he did in the European Cup final, Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson pulled another masterstroke at his testimonial game last week to spark a 4-2 win for a Rest of the World XI.

In Barcelona against Bayern Munich, Ferguson threw on two subs with 20 minutes left and watched them pull back a goal deficit to win the trophy.

His testimonial game was also floundering with the promised footballing extravaganza being badly hit by the withdrawals of the likes of Zinedine Zidane and Gabriel Batistuta.

But with 20 minutes remaining Ferguson produced his own magic trick by substituting the complete Rest of the World team to bring on a United legends XI.

And with Eric Cantona, Bryan Robson, Steve Bruce and Mark Hughes leading the new oppo-

nents it was not long before they stretched the 2-1 lead to the 4-2 final score.

It was Fergie's gift for the 54,842 fans cramped into Old Trafford and they loved every minute of watching the men the United faithful regard as highly as Ferguson himself.

Mark Hughes scorched two strikes past Raimond Van Der Gouw and received a welcome second only to that accorded to Ferguson and the returning Frenchman Eric Cantona.

In fact, Ferguson's night was nearly overshadowed by the great Cantona, making only his second visit to Old Trafford since quitting the club in 1997.

He started as substitute but stole Ferguson's thunder by walking along the touchline as his former manager was announced to the crowd and drawing more applause.

Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli opened the scoring after 10 minutes to loud boos from fans

REST OF THE WORLD 4 MANCHESTER UNITED 2

Scorers:

Rest of World: Gianluca Vialli 10, Careca 55, Mark Hughes 74, 85

Manchester United: Teddy Sheringham 43, Paul Scholes 87

Attendance: 54,842

Teams:

Manchester United: Van Der Gouw; Neville, Berg, Stam, Silvestre; Butt, Giggs, Solskjaer; Sheringham, Yorke, Cole.

Substitutes: Scholes, Bosnich, Cruyff, Greening, Irwin, Curtis, Clegg, Beckham.

Rest of the World XI: Schmeichel; Cafu, R Ferdinand, West, Pistone; Jonk, Marcolin, Gascoigne; Vialli, Weah, Larsson.

Substitutes: Careca, Olmeta, Weir, Donado, Gottardi, Carbone, Cantona.



Eric Cantona in action

BAGGIO THE JAPANESE EMPEROR



Roberto Baggio scored twice last week as a World XI beat a Japanese selection 3-1 in front of 50,000 fans at Tokyo's National Stadium. The 32-year-old Inter Milan forward, cheered every time he touched the ball, struck in the 12th and 43rd minutes. The World XI comprised international players based in Japan as well as guest stars Baggio and AC Milan's Leonardo, while their opponents were all drawn from the J. League.



OH NO, IT'S ENGLAND V SCOTLAND



England is paired against Scotland at the Euro 2000 playoffs draw.

England will face Scotland in a revival of the world's oldest international fixture following the draw for the European championship play-offs last Wednesday.

Scotland will be at home in the first leg at Hampden Park on November 13 with the return at Wembley Stadium four days later.

The draw paired Israel with Denmark, Slovenia with Ukraine and Ireland against Turkey. The four winners on aggregate qualify for the Euro 2000 finals.

England reached the play-offs after finishing second in group five behind Sweden while the

EURO 2000 PLAYOFFS DRAW

Matches to be played over two legs on November 13 and 14 and November 17

Scotland	v	England	Slovenia	v	Ukraine
Israel	v	Denmark	Ireland	v	Turkey

Scots were runners-up in group nine behind the Czech Republic.

England coach Kevin Keegan was delighted with the draw saying: "It's absolutely fantastic. We know a lot about them and they know a lot about us and we are set for two massive games."

"It's a special fixture with an atmosphere all of its own and has been played all too rarely in the last few years."

"We have utmost respect for the Scots and (manager) Craig Brown and he has done a great job with his team. It is just a shame that only one of us will be going on to the finals and we have to make sure we get the result."

Brown, speaking from Glasgow, was also pleased. "Now that the draw has been made I am happy that we have got England but beforehand I thought it would be great for England, Scotland and Ireland to all get through," he said.

"Obviously at least one won't make it to the finals now... we just have to make sure that it isn't us."

"When we played England before, in Euro 96, they were a settled side. Kevin (Keegan) doesn't have that advantage. I think he has inherited a transitional side and that will make things harder for him."

Scotland and England first met in 1872 and played each other annually until 1989 when hooliganism surrounding the fixture forced the authorities to call it off.



EURO 2000 Mascot.

Since then they have met just once, in the first phase of Euro 96 with England winning 2-0 at Wembley. In all the two sides have met 108 times, England winning 44 and Scotland 40 with 24 matches drawn. England have won four of the last five with one match drawn while Scotland have not beaten England since 1985.

Coincidentally the English F.A. had recently written to the Scottish F.A. asking them to play in one of the last internationals before Wembley is demolished next year and rebuilt.

Ireland, who were seconds away from winning group eight but finished as runners-up after conceding a last-minute goal to Macedonia in a 1-1 draw on October 9, were handed a tough tie against Turkey, runners-up to Germany in group three.

Bernard O'Byrne, the general secretary of the Football Association of Ireland, rued their fate.

"We twice conceded late

goals which cost us first place in the group, now we have drawn a very tough opponent. The gods certainly were not smiling on us today."

History though is on Ireland's side. The two countries have met nine times, with Turkey winning just once in Ankara in 1967.

They last played in the qualifying round for the 1992 European championship with Ireland winning 5-0 in Dublin and 3-1 in Istanbul, their fifth victory over the Turks.

Denmark's coach Bo Johansson was happy at being drawn against Israel.

"It's a good draw for us but we are taking nothing for granted. Israeli football has improved a lot in the last few years and they will be tough opponents. I am optimistic but we have a lot of work to do."

Israeli coach Shlomo Scharf admitted he did not know much about the Danish side.

UNDER-21 PLAYOFFS DRAW

Matches to be played over two legs on November 14 and November 17 and 18

Portugal	v	Croatia	Norway	v	Spain
Czech Rep	v	Greece	Yugoslavia	v	England
Poland	v	Turkey	Russia	v	Slovakia
Netherlands	v	Belgium	France	v	Italy



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'TOO AMATEUR' TO HOST CUP

Pelé says Brazil isn't ready

Brazilian soccer legend Pelé said last week his country's football federation was too amateur to host the 2006 World Cup.

"I am not against the World Cup finals in Brazil, I'm against the committee," he told reporters during a visit to the Middle East to promote his link to a World Cup sponsor.

Previously, in August, Pelé had said that rather than bidding for the World Cup, Brazilian money would have been better spent on social programmes.

Last week he said: "The only problem with Brazil (soccer) is the administration, it is amateur... Brazil on the pitch are the best team in the world, no doubt. Off the pitch, the administration is terrible."

The former striker reiterated his reluctance to become involved in football administration by saying that coaching and management jobs were for "crazy people".

"I never want to be the president of (world soccer's governing body) FIFA, or the Brazil Football Federation."

Pelé voiced concern that too much football was being played for commercial reasons, not for the development of the game, and added that the world soccer calendar needed to be unified in order to prevent



Pelé juggles a soccer ball watched by local children during the filming of a commercial for MasterCard in Dubai on October 11. Pelé is featured in the new MasterCard "priceless" advertisement that will run throughout the Middle East in support of the company's 2002 World Cup sponsorship.

player exhaustion and injury.

When asked about modifications he would like to see made to the modern game, Pelé advocated giving the players the choice between throwing and kicking the ball back into play after it had gone out.

He did not believe, however, that goals should be made big-

ger. "If you want to score more goals, practise more," he said.

London bookmakers rate Brazil as only a 14-1 chance to stage the 2006 World Cup. South Africa are evens favourites with England at 11-10 and Germany at 4-1. Morocco are the 33-1 outsiders.

FRENCH DATES



France, who have qualified for next year's European championship finals, last week announced the following friendlies to prepare for the tournament in Belgium and the Netherlands:

Nov 13 v Croatia (home)
Feb 23 v Poland (home)
Mar 29 v Scotland (away)
Apr 26 v Netherlands (away)
May 28 v Croatia (away)

TV GUIDE

* All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time

Tuesday, October 19
English Premier League
Sunderland v Aston Villa
Fox Sports
4am to 7.30am (Tuesday morning)

English Premier League highlights
Fox Sports
4.30pm-6.30pm

Dutch First Division
NEC v Ajax
Optus Vision (ESPN)
7pm - 9pm

UEFA Champions League
Arsenal v Barcelona (LIVE)
Optus Vision (ESPN)
4.30am - 6.45am
(Wednesday morning)

Wednesday, October 20
Premier League Show
Fox Sports
7.30pm-9pm

UEFA Champions League
Marseille v Manchester Utd
Optus Vision (ESPN)
6.45am - 9am

UEFA Champions League
NK Maribor v Lazio
Optus Vision (ESPN)
5pm - 7pm

UEFA Champions League
Arsenal v Barcelona
Optus Vision (ESPN)
9pm - 11pm

UEFA Champions League
Marseille v Manchester Utd
Optus Vision (ESPN)
11pm - 1am

UEFA Champions League
Porto v Real Madrid (LIVE)
Optus Vision (ESPN)
4.30am - 6.45am
(Thursday morning)

Thursday, October 21
UEFA Champions League
Valencia v Bayern Munich
Optus Vision (ESPN)
6.45am - 9am

UEFA Champions League
Hertha BSC v AC Milan
Optus Vision (ESPN)
5pm - 7pm

European Soccer Show
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)
5.30pm - 6.30pm

UEFA Champions League
Porto v Real Madrid
Optus Vision (ESPN)
9pm - 11pm

UEFA Champions League
Arsenal v Barcelona
(Full match Replay)
SBS TV



10pm - 12am

Soccer Central
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)
9pm - 11pm

Friday, October 22
Western Union World Soccer
Fox Sports
5pm-5.30pm

Soccer Scene
Fox Sports
5.30pm-6.30pm

National Soccer League
Newcastle v Auckland Kingz (LIVE)
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Saturday, October 23
Spanish Premier Division
Fox Sports
12pm-2pm

Scottish Premier League
Fox Sports
2pm-4pm

French Premier League
Marseille v Lyon
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)
10am - 12pm

UEFA Champions League
Fiorentina v Aik Solna
Optus Vision (ESPN)
2pm - 4pm

UEFA Champions League
Highlights
SBS TV
3.30pm - 4.30pm

World Soccer
Netherlands v Brazil
SBS TV
4.30pm - 5.30pm

English Premier League
(Repeat)
SBS TV
7.30pm - 6.30pm

National Soccer League
Brisbane v Northern Spirit
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)
11pm - 1am

Italian Serie A (LIVE)
Optus Vision (ESPN)
10.55pm - 1am



Sunday, October 24
English Premier League
Fox Sports 2
6am-8am (Sunday morning)

German Bundesliga
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)
10am - 12pm

Italian Serie A Highlights
SBS TV
10.30am - 11.30am

On the Ball
SBS TV
11.30am - 12.30pm

National Soccer League
Perth v Adelaide (LIVE)
ABC TV
5pm - 7pm

National Soccer League
Perth v Adelaide
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)
7.30pm - 9.30pm

English First Division
Norwich v Bolton (LIVE)
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)
10pm - 12am

Italian Serie A (LIVE)
Optus Vision (ESPN)
11pm - 1am

US Major League Soccer
Playoff Semi-Final #2
Optus Vision (ESPN)
5am - 7am
(Monday morning)

Monday, October 25
English Premier League
Fox Sports
4am-6am (Monday morning)

English Premier League
Highlights
Fox Sports
5.30pm-6.30pm

EURO 2000 Qualifier
Greece v Albania
Optus Vision (ESPN)
5pm - 7pm

Best of English Soccer
Magazine
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)
5pm - 6pm

English Premier League
Highlights
SBS TV
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Dutch First Division
Ajax v Den Bosch
11pm - 1am

Tuesday, October 26
English Premier League
Newcastle v Derby County
Fox Sports
4am-7.30am
(Tuesday morning)

WORLD

Excludes Monday games

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Middlesbrough 2 West Ham United 0, Arsenal 4 Everton 1, Coventry City 4 Newcastle United 1, Derby County 0 Tottenham Hotspur 1, Leeds United 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Leicester City 2 Southampton 1, Liverpool 1 Chelsea 0, Manchester United 4 Watford 1, Wimbledon 3 Bradford City 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Leeds United	11	8	1	2	21	12	25
2. Manchester United	11	7	3	1	27	16	24
3. Arsenal	11	7	1	3	17	10	22
4. Sunderland	10	6	2	2	18	8	20
5. Leicester City	11	6	2	3	19	14	20
6. Chelsea	9	6	1	2	15	4	19
7. Everton	11	5	2	4	17	14	17
8. Tottenham Hotspur	10	5	2	3	17	14	17
9. Aston Villa	10	5	2	3	11	9	17
10. West Ham United	9	5	1	3	11	8	16
11. Middlesbrough	11	5	0	6	13	15	15
12. Liverpool	10	4	2	4	11	10	14
13. Coventry City	11	3	3	5	16	15	12
14. Southampton	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
15. Wimbledon	11	2	5	4	17	25	11
16. Watford	11	3	0	8	7	15	9
17. Derby County	11	2	3	6	10	19	9
18. Bradford City	10	2	2	6	6	16	8
19. Newcastle United	11	2	1	8	21	27	7
20. Sheffield Wednesday	11	1	1	9	8	27	4

Leading Scorers:

10 - Kevin Phillips (Sunderland)
8 - Alan Shearer (Newcastle United), Dwight Yorke (Manchester United), Andy Cole (Manchester United)
7 - Michael Bridges (Leeds United), Muzzy Izzet (Leicester City)
6 - Dion Dublin (Aston Villa), John Hartson (Wimbledon)
5 - Davor Suker (Arsenal), Robbie Keane (Coventry City), Tony Cottee (Leicester City), Marians Pahars (Southampton), Steffen Iversen (Tottenham Hotspur), Paolo Di Canio (West Ham United), Brian Dean (Middlesbrough)
4 - Emile Heskey (Leicester City), Hassan Kachoul (Southampton), Francis Jeffers (Everton), Nwankwo Kanu (Arsenal), Gustavo Poyet (Chelsea), Brian Deane (Middlesbrough), Carl Cort (Wimbledon)

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Barnsley 1 Wolverhampton 2, Birmingham 2 Crystal Palace 0, Blackburn 1 Grimsby 1, Bolton 1 Huddersfield 0, Fulham 1 Swindon 0, Ipswich 1 QPR 4, Port Vale 0 Norwich 1, Portsmouth 0 Charlton 2, Sheff Utd 2 Nottm Forest 1, Stockport 2 Crewe 1, Tranmere 1 Man City 1, West Brom 0 Walsall 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Charlton	9	7	1	1	18	7	22
2 Fulham	10	6	4	0	14	5	22
3 Birmingham	12	6	3	3	21	13	21
4 Man City	11	6	2	3	15	7	20
5 Stockport	11	6	2	3	14	14	20
6 Ipswich	10	5	2	3	21	14	17
7 Huddersfield	11	5	2	4	21	15	17
8 Barnsley	11	5	1	5	24	23	16
9 Bolton	11	4	3	4	16	13	15
10 QPR	10	4	3	3	15	12	15
11 Grimsby	11	4	3	4	11	14	15
12 Wolverhampton	11	3	5	3	10	12	14
13 Sheff Utd	11	4	2	5	16	21	14
14 Blackburn	10	3	4	3	13	10	13
15 Nottm Forest	11	3	4	4	16	14	13
16 West Brom	10	2	7	1	10	9	13
17 Norwich	11	3	3	5	10	13	12
18 Crystal Palace	11	3	3	5	16	20	12
19 Portsmouth	10	3	3	4	11	18	12
20 Walsall	12	3	3	6	10	18	12
21 Port Vale	12	3	2	7	14	18	11
22 Crewe	10	3	2	5	12	18	11
23 Tranmere	12	2	3	7	11	20	9
24 Swindon	12	2	3	7	8	19	9

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Bristol City 0 Bristol Rovers 0, Blackpool 0 Bury 5, Bournemouth 1 Stoke 1, Brentford 2 Oxford 0, Cardiff 1 Oldham 1, Luton 3 Gillingham 1, Millwall 1 Burnley 1, Notts County 2 Wycombe 1, Reading 0 Wigan 2, Scunthorpe 1 Preston 1, Wrexham 1 Chesterfield 1, Cambridge 5 Colchester 2.

1. Bristol Rovers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bristol Rovers	12	7	3	2	16	9	24
2. Notts County	11	7	2	2	20	11	23
3. Wigan	10	6	4	0	20	8	22
4. Stoke	12	6	3	3	19	13	21
5. Brentford	10	5	5	0	18	9	20
6. Burnley	12	5	5	2	14	9	20
7. Luton	12	6	2	4	18	14	20
8. Preston	12	5	5	2	15	14	20
9. Bury	12	5	4	3	23	16	19
10. Wycombe	12	5	4	3	17	14	19
11. Bournemouth	11	5	3	3	16	12	18
12. Gillingham	12	4	4	4	19	17	16
13. Wrexham	12	4	3	5	16	21	15
14. Millwall	10	3	5	2	13	13	14
15. Bristol City	11	3	4	4	13	13	13
16. Cardiff	12	2	6	4	14	17	12
17. Scunthorpe	12	3	3	6	9	16	12
18. Oxford	12	3	2	7	13	18	11
19. Chesterfield	11	2	4	5	9	11	10
20. Cambridge	12	2	4	6	20	23	10
21. Oldham	11	2	2	7	10	15	8
22. Reading	11	2	2	7	15	24	8
23. Blackpool	12	1	4	7	11	25	7
24. Colchester	10	2	1	7	10	26	7

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Brighton 0 York 1, Chester 1 Macclesfield 2, Darlington 1 Cheltenham 0, Exeter 1 Carlisle 0, Halifax 2 Peterborough 1, Hull City 0 Northampton 1, Leyton Orient 2 Lincoln 3, Mansfield 2 Hartlepool 3, Rochdale 0 Plymouth 0, Rotherham 2 Barnet 0, Southend 3 Shrewsbury 2, Torquay 1 Swansea 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Barnet	12	8	3	1	20	11	27
2 Peterborough	12	7	2	3	16	12	23
3 Halifax	12	7	1	4	17	11	22
4 Rochdale	12	6	3	3	11	4	21
5 Exeter	12	6	3	3	17	12	21
6 Darlington	12	6	3	3	12	8	21
7 Rotherham	12	6	2	4	20	10	20
8 Southend	12	6	2	4	18	16	20
9 Torquay	12	6	2	4	15	13	20
10 Northampton	12	6	1	5	11	9	19
11 Brighton	12	5	3	4	20	12	18
12 Lincoln	12	5	3	4	14	14	18
13 Hartlepool	12	5	1	6	17	13	16
14 Swansea	11	5	1	5	10	9	16
15 Plymouth	12	4	4	4	17	17	16
16 Macclesfield	12	4	2	6	15	18	14
17 York	12	3	4	5	11	17	13
18 Carlisle	12	3	4	5	13	20	13
19 Mansfield	12	3	3	6	13	17	12
20 Hull City	12	3	3	6	9	14	12
21 Cheltenham	11	4	0	7	6	11	12
22 Shrewsbury	12	3	3	6	11	20	12
23 Leyton Orient	12	2	2	8	12	23	8
24 Chester	12	1	3	8	12	26	6

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee 0 Dundee United 2, Celtic 7 Aberdeen 0, Hearts 1 St Johnstone 1, Kilmarnock 1 Rangers 1, Motherwell 2 Hibernian 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Rangers	9	8	1	0	25	7	25
2. Celtic	8	7	0	1	25	3	21
3. Dundee United	9	5	2	2	14	12	17
4. Hearts	8	4	2	2	15	11	14
5. St Johnstone	9	3	3	3	12	14	12
6. Dundee	10	3	0	7	14	19	9
7. Kilmarnock	9	2	2	5	7	9	8
8. Hibernian	10	1	5	4	13	20	8
9. Motherwell	7	1	4	2	9	13	7
10. Aberdeen	9	0	1	8	3	29	1

Leading Scorers:

9 - Mark Viduka (Celtic)
8 - Michael Mols (Rangers)
7 - Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
6 - Gary McSwegan (Hearts), Nathan Lowndes (St Johnstone)
5 - Willie Falconer (Dundee), Billy Dodds (Dundee United)
4 - Claudio Reyna (Rangers), Jorg Albertz (Rangers), Eyal Berkovic (Celtic), Lee McCulloch (Motherwell)
3 - Dirk Lehmann (Hibernian), Stephane Adam (Hearts), Rod Wallace (Rangers), Russell Latapy (Hibernian).

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Clydebank 1 G Morton 3, Dunfermline 0 Airdrie 0, Falkirk 0 Inverness CT 2, Livingston 4 Ayr 1, St Mirren 3 Raith 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. St Mirren	10	6	3	1	27	14	21
2. Dunfermline	10	5	5	0	19	9	20
3. Livingston	10	5	4	1	19	10	19
4. Raith	10	4	3	3	19	18	15
5. Falkirk	10	4	2	4	15	17	14
6. Ayr	10	4	1	5	14	16	13
7. G Morton	10	3	3	4	15	16	12
8. Airdrie	10	2	4	4	8	17	10
9. Inverness CT	10	2	3	5	11	17	9
10. Clydebank	10	0	2	8	8	21	2

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Clyde 0 Arbroath 0, Partick 2 Alloa 2, Queen of South 3 Hamilton 2, Ross County 1 Stranraer 1, Stirling 5 Stenhousemuir 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Arbroath	10	5	3	2	18	14	18
2. Alloa	10	4	5	1	12	10	17
3. Ross County	11	4	4	3	11	8	16
4. Clyde	10	4	3	3	12	8	15
5. Stenhousemuir	10	4	3	3	15	15	15
6. Stirling	10	4	2	4	18	15	14
7. Stranraer	10	2	7	1	8	7	13
8. Hamilton	11	3	3	5	12	17	12
9. Queen of South	10	2	4	4	14	17	10
10. Partick	10	1	2	7	7	16	5

SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE

Albion 0 Berwick 3, East Fife 1 East Stirling 0, Forfar 3 Cowdenbeath, Montrose 1 Dumbarton 4, Queens Park 5 Brechin 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Queens Park	10	8	2	0	18	8	26
2. East Fife	10	6	2	2	13	8	20
3. Cowdenbeath	10	5	2	3	16	9	17
4. Berwick	10	5	2	3	16	10	17
5. Forfar	10	4	4	2	16	8	16
6. Dumbarton	10	5	1	4	18	16	16
7. Montrose	10	3	1	6	13	16	10
8. East Stirling	10	2	2	6	8	16	8
9. Brechin	10	1	2	7	8	22	5
10. Albion	10	0	4	6	5	18	4

ITALIAN SERIE A

Lecce 2 Reggina 1, AC Milan 2 Cagliari 2, Piacenza 0 Bologna 0, AS Roma 0 Juventus 1, Torino 3 Bari 1, Venezia 1 Inter Milan 0, Verona 2 Perugia 0, Fiorentina 0 Parma 2, Udinese 0 Lazio 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Lazio	6	4	2	0	14	6	14
2. Inter Milan	6	4	1	1	11	3	13
3. Juventus	6	4	1	1	8	4	13
4. AS Roma	6	3	2	1	10	5	11
5. AC Milan	6	2	4	0	16	10	10
6. Fiorentina	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
7. Parma	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
8. Reggina	6	2	2	2	7	7	8
9. Lecce	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
10. Torino	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
11. Perugia	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
12. Udinese	6	1	3	2	7	10	6
13. Bari	6	1	3	2	4	6	6
14. Bologna	6	1	3	2	3	6	6
15. Verona	6	2	0	4	5	11	6
16. Venezia	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
17. Cagliari	6	0	3	3	5	10	3
18. Piacenza	6	0	3	3	3	8	3

Leading Scorers:

6 - Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
5 - Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina), Christian Vieri (Inter Milan)
4 - Sebastian Veron (Lazio)
3 - Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus), Marcelo Salas (Lazio), Oliver Bierhoff (AC Milan), Marco Ferrante (Torino)
2 - Duccio Innocenti and Yksel Osmanovski (Bari), Giuseppe Signori (Bologna), Daniele Berretta (Cagliari), Enrico Chiesa (Fiorentina), Ivan Zamorano (Inter Milan), Antonio Conte (Juventus), Simone Inzaghi (Lazio), Cristiano Lucarelli (Lecce), Leonardo, George Weah (AC Milan), Alain Boghossian and Hernan Crespo (Parma), Marco Materazzi, Hidetoshi Nakata and Renato Olive

(Perugia), David Dionigi (Piacenza), Mohammed Kallon (Reggina), Cafu, Marco Delvecchio and Francesco Totti (AS Roma), Roberto Muzzi (Udinese), Filippo Maniero and Fabian Valtolina (Venezia)

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

Alaves 0 Rayo Vallecano 1, Valladolid 2 Sevilla 1, Real Zaragoza 3, Real Mallorca 0, Real Betis 2 Atletico Madrid 1, Espanyol 0 Real Sociedad 0, Athletic Bilbao 1 Valencia 0, Deportivo Coruna



GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

VfB Stuttgart 0 Schalke 04 2, SpVgg Unterhaching 1
VfL Wolfsburg 1, Werder Bremen 1 TSV 1860
Munich 3, Hamburg SV 2 SC Freiburg 0, Hansa
Rostock 3 Eintracht Frankfurt 1, MSV Duisburg 2 FC
Kaiserslautern 2, Bayern Munich 3 Hertha Berlin 1,
Arminia Bielefeld 0 Borussia Dortmund 2, Bayer
Leverkusen 4 SSV Ulm 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Borussia Dortmund	8	6	1	1	13	3	19
2. Hamburger SV	8	5	2	1	19	9	17
3. Bayer Leverkusen	8	5	2	1	15	8	17
4. Bayern München	8	4	2	2	11	9	14
5. TSV 1860 München	8	4	1	3	15	10	13
6. Schalke 04	8	3	3	2	10	9	12
7. VfL Wolfsburg	8	3	3	2	13	14	12
8. SC Freiburg	8	3	2	3	15	10	11
9. Hertha BSC Berlin	8	2	4	2	12	14	10
10. VfB Stuttgart	8	3	1	4	7	11	10
11. FC Kaiserslautern	8	3	1	4	12	18	10
12. Hansa Rostock	8	3	1	4	11	19	10
13. Werder Bremen	8	2	3	3	17	11	9
14. Arminia Bielefeld	8	2	3	3	6	12	9
15. SpVgg Unterhaching	8	2	2	4	8	11	8
16. Eintracht Frankfurt	8	2	1	5	10	13	7
17. SSV Ulm	8	1	2	5	9	16	5
18. MSV Duisburg	8	0	4	4	9	15	4

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

NEC Nijmegen 1 Ajax Amsterdam 3, PSV
Eindhoven 7 Den Bosch 0, Graafschap Doetinchem 0
Twente Enschede 0, Sparta Rotterdam 3 AZ Alkmaar
6, Fortuna Sittard 0 Heerenveen 1, MVV Maastricht
4 Utrecht 1, Willem II Tilburg 2 RKC Waalwijk 1,
Vitesse Arnhem 1 Cambuur Leeuwarden 0, Roda JC
Kerkrade 2 Feyenoord 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. PSV Eindhoven	8	8	0	0	40	6	24
2. Ajax Amsterdam	9	7	2	0	31	13	23
3. Roda JC Kerkrade	9	6	1	2	16	11	19
4. Willem II Tilburg	9	6	1	2	20	19	19
5. Twente Enschede	9	4	4	1	12	7	16
6. AZ Alkmaar	9	5	1	3	19	15	16
7. Heerenveen	9	5	1	3	15	12	16
8. Feyenoord	9	4	3	2	16	7	15
9. Vitesse Arnhem	9	4	3	2	17	14	15
10. RKC Waalwijk	9	4	2	3	13	15	14
11. Utrecht	9	4	0	5	9	14	12
12. Sparta Rotterdam	9	3	0	6	14	23	9
13. Graafschap Doetinchem	9	1	4	4	9	12	7
14. MVV Maastricht	9	1	2	6	13	27	5
15. Den Bosch	9	1	2	6	10	25	5
16. NEC Nijmegen	8	1	1	6	11	20	4
17. Fortuna Sittard	9	1	1	7	9	18	4
18. Cambuur Leeuwarden	9	0	2	7	6	22	2

Leading Scorers:

15 - Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven)
10 - Pierre Van Hooijdonk (Vitesse Arnhem)
8 - Richard Knopper (Ajax Amsterdam) Brian
Laudrup (Ajax) Luc Nilis (PSV)
7 - Mariano Bombarda (Willem II Tilburg) Barry van
Galen (AZ Alkmaar)
5 - John Bosman (AZ) Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink
(Twente Enschede) Arnold Bruggink (PSV) Rick
Hoogendorp (RKC Waalwijk)

GREEK FIRST DIVISION

Kavala 0 Olympiakos Piraeus 5, Panathinaikos 5
Kalamata 0, Aris Thessaloniki 5 Panionios Athens 1,
PAOK Thessaloniki 2 Ethnikos Astir 0, Trikala 1
Paniliakos Pyrgos 1, AEK Athens 3 Iraklis
Thessaloniki 2, Ionikos Piraeus 1 Apollon Athens 0,
OFI Heraklion 4 Proodeftiki Piraeus 3, Xanthi 1
Panahaiki 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Olympiakos Piraeus	4	4	0	0	14	0	12
2. Panathinaikos	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
3. Aris Thessaloniki	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
4. PAOK Thessaloniki	4	2	2	0	11	7	8
5. Paniliakos Pyrgos	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
6. AEK Athens	4	2	1	1	11	9	7
7. Ionikos	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
8. OFI Heraklion	4	2	1	1	7	7	7
9. Iraklis Thessaloniki	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
10. Ethnikos Astir	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
11. Xanthi	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
12. Panahaiki	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
13. Kavala	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
14. Panionios Athens	4	1	0	3	4	12	3

15. Kalamata	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
16. Trikala	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
17. Apollon Athens	4	0	1	3	0	3	1
18. Proodeftiki Piraeus	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION

Estrela Amadora 1 Salgueiros 0, Farense 2 Santa
Clara 2, Rio Ave 1 Vitoria Setubal 1, Alverca 2
Sporting Lisbon 1, Braga 2 Vitoria Guimaraes 4, Gil
Vicente 0 Benfica 2, Campomaiorense 2 Belenenses
1, Porto 4 Uniao Leiria 2, Boavista 0 Maritimo 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Benfica	7	6	1	0	13	1	19
2. Porto	7	4	3	0	12	4	15
3. Vitoria Guimaraes	7	4	2	1	12	7	14
4. Sporting Lisbon	7	3	3	1	12	7	12
5. Maritimo	7	3	2	2	9	6	11
6. Alverca	7	3	2	2	8	11	11
7. Boavista	7	3	2	2	5	11	11
8. Salgueiros	7	3	1	3	6	7	10
9. Belenenses	7	2	3	2	9	6	9
10. Santa Clara	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
11. Rio Ave	7	2	3	2	9	13	9
12. Gil Vicente	7	2	2	3	7	6	8
13. Estrela Amadora	7	1	4	2	6	10	7
14. Uniao Leiria	7	1	3	3	7	9	6
15. Vitoria Setubal	7	1	2	4	9	13	5
16. Farense	7	1	2	4	4	13	5
17. Braga	7	1	1	5	8	23	4
18. Campomaiorense	7	1	1	5	5	12	4

SWEDISH FIRST DIVISION

Halmstad 3 Elfsborg 0, Helsingborg 1 Örgryte 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Helsingborg	25	15	4	6	42	25	49
2. AIK Stockholm	23	14	4	5	36	13	46
3. Halmstad	24	14	4	6	43	22	46
4. Örgryte	24	10	9	5	38	22	39
5. IFK Gothenburg	23	11	5	7	26	28	38
6. Norrköping	23	10	5	8	37	31	35
7. Frolunda	23	9	6	8	28	29	33
8. Trelleborg	23	7	6	10	36	42	27
9. Örebro	24	8	3	13	23	31	27
10. Kalmar	23	8	3	12	27	39	27
11. Elfsborg	24	7	5	12	37	47	26
12. Hammarby	23	6	5	12	26	39	23
13. Malmö	23	6	4	13	27	42	22
14. Djurgården	23	4	7	12	24	40	19

CZECH FIRST DIVISION

Opava 0 Slavia Prague 0, Jablonec 4 Blyany 2, Ceske
Budejovice 0 Ostrava 2, Viktoria Zizkov 3 Olomouc
3, Dukla 1 Drnovice 1, Teplice 1 Liberec 0, Boby
Brno 1 Bohemians Prague 1, Sparta Prague 3 Hradec
Kralove 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Slavia Prague	10	7	3	0	14	4	24
2. Sparta Prague	10	6	3	1	24	9	21
3. Ceske Budejovice	10	6	2	2	17	13	20
4. Drnovice	10	5	2	3	12	9	17
5. Bohemians Prague	10	3	5	2	9	7	14
6. Teplice	10	4	2	4	12	14	14
7. Ostrava	10	3	4	3	17	15	13
8. Liberec	10	2	6	2	8	12	12
9. Boby Brno	10	3	3	4	11	13	12
10. Jablonec	10	3	3	4	11	14	12
11. Blyany	10	3	2	5	10	18	11
12. Opava	10	2	4	4	13	12	10
13. Dukla	10	2	4	4	7	14	10
14. Olomouc	10	1	5	4	10	13	8
15. Viktoria Zizkov	10	1	5	4	14	19	8
16. Hradec Kralove	10	1	3	6	9	16	6

HUNGARIAN FIRST DIVISION

Nagykanizsa 0 Lombard 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Gázszer	9	6	2	1	15	11	20
2. Dunaferr	9	5	3	1	24	9	18
3. Vasas	9	6	0	3	15	9	18
4. MTK Budapest	8	5	2	1	16	7	17
5. Debrecen	9	5	2	2	12	9	17
6. Győr ETO	9	3	4	2	13	6	13
7. Tatabánya	9	3	4	2	11	12	13
8. Zalaegerszeg	9	3	3	3	12	4	12
9. Ferencváros	9	3	2	4	11	8	11
10. Újpest	7	3	2	2	13	12	11
11. Kispest Honvéd	9	3	2	4	11	12	11
12. Nagykanizsa	9	2	5	2	10	11	11
13. Nyíregyháza Spartacus	9	3	2	4	10	15	11
14. Diosgyőr	9	2	3	4	10	14	9
15. Szeged	9	2	2	5	8	22	8

16. Haladás Szombathely	9	2	1	6	9	18	7
17. Vac	8	1	2	6	9	19	5
18. Siofok	8	1	1	6	3	14	1

Note: Siofok were deducted three points and
penalised three goals for not appearing for a match
against Nyirse

YUGOSLAV FIRST DIVISION

Radnicki Kragujevac 1 Zemun Belgrade 0, Spartak
Subotica 1 Zeleznik Belgrade 0, Radnicki Nis 1 Red
Star Belgrade 1, Sutjeska Niksic 2 Borac Cacak 1,
OFK Beograd Belgrade 2 Buducnost Podgorica 1,
Partizan Belgrade 2 Milicionar Belgrade 1, Cukaricki
Belgrade 2 Sartilid Smederevo 1, Proleter Zrenjanin 0
Obilic Belgrade 2, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1 Hajduk
Kula 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Obilic	10	8	1	1	20	9	25
2. Partizan	9	7	1	1	17	9	22
3. Red Star	9	5	4	0	20	6	19
4. Radnicki (K)	10	5	2	3	9	10	17
5. Vojvodina	9	5	1	3	14	7	16
6. Zeleznik	9	4	3	2	15	10	15
7. Hajduk (K)	10	4	3	3	11	9	15
8. Milicionar	11	4	3	4	13	12	15
9. Sutjeska	10	4	2	4	17	15	14
10. Rad	9	3	4	2	16	11	13
11. Radnicki (N)	10	4	0	6	12	16	12
12. Spartak	10	3	3	4	5	14	12
13. Proleter	9	3	2	4	10	9	11
14. Cukaricki	10	3	2	5	10	13	11
15. Buducnost	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
16. Hajduk (B)	9	3	1	5	15	18	10
17. Zemun	9	3	1	5	12	19	10
18. OFK Beograd	10	2	3	5	12	18	9
19. Borac	10	2	2	6	16	21	8
20. Sartilid	10	2	2	6	9	16	8
21. Mogren	10	1	4	5	9	17	7

CROATIAN FIRST DIVISION

Cibalia 2 Hajduk 2, Istra 3 Vukovar '91 0, Sibenik 0
Slaven Belupo 0, Varteks 2 Osijek 0, Rijeka 2 Zagreb
0, Croatia 5 Hrv. Dragovoljac 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Croatia	10	8	2	0	31	5	26
2. Hajduk	10	7	2	1	25	11	23
3. Rijeka	10	5	2	3	17	8	17
4. Osijek	10	5	1	4	17	17	16
5. Cibalia	10	3	4	3	14	13	13
6. Slaven Belupo	10	3	4	3	10	14	13
7. Varteks	10	3	3	4	14	17	12
8. Zagreb	10	2	4	4	12	15	10
9. Sibenik	10	1	6	3	7	13	9
10. Vukovar '91	10	2	3	5	12	21	9
11. Istra	10	2	1	7	12	21	7
12. Hrv. Dragovoljac	10	1	4	5	12	28	7

DANISH SUPERLEAGUE

Esbjerg 2 FC Copenhagen 0, Lyngby 3 AaB Aalborg
2, OB Odense 0 Silkeborg 4, Vejle 1 AGF Aarhus 1,
Brøndby 4 Viborg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Brøndby	13	8	1	4	25	14	25
2. Herfølge	12	7	4	1	20	15	25
3. AB Copenhagen	12	6	4	2	20	10	22
4. Lyngby	13	7	1	5	23	16	22
5. AaB Aalborg	12	6	3	3	23	16	21
6. Silkeborg	13	5	4	4	24	12	19
7. Viborg	13	5	3	5	17	20	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Total							Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	
BRISBANE STRIKERS	3	3	0	0	4	1	9	1	1	0	0	2	1		2	2	0	0	2	0	
CARLTON	3	2	1	0	8	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	1		2	2	0	0	7	0	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	3	2	1	0	7	2	7	1	0	1	0	2	2		2	2	0	0	5	0	
PERTH GLORY	3	2	1	0	7	3	7	1	0	1	0	3	3		2	2	0	0	4	0	
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	3	1	2	0	6	4	5	1	0	1	0	2	2		2	1	1	0	4	2	
PARRAMATTA POWER	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	2	1	1	0	3	2		1	0	0	1	1	2	
SYDNEY UNITED	3	1	1	1	3	4	4	2	1	0	1	2	3		1	0	1	0	1	1	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	3	1	1	1	4	7	4	2	1	0	1	2	5		1	0	1	0	2	2	
CANBERRA COSMOS	3	1	0	2	3	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	
SOUTH MELBOURNE	3	1	0	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0		2	0	0	2	1	3	
NORTHERN SPIRIT	3	1	0	2	2	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	2		2	1	0	1	2	2	
ADELAIDE FORCE	3	1	0	2	3	6	3	1	1	0	0	2	1		2	0	0	2	1	5	
AUCKLAND KINGZ	3	1	0	2	2	5	3	2	1	0	1	1	3		1	0	0	1	1	2	
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	3	0	2	1	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	1	2		1	0	1	0	1	1	
MARCONI STALLIONS	3	0	2	1	4	8	2	1	0	0	1	0	4		2	0	2	0	4	4	
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	3	0	0	3	1	6	0	2	0	0	2	0	4		1	0	0	1	1	2	

Adelaide Force

(D Kim 35, D Mori 42)

Parramatta Power

(P Bennett 54)

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium. **Crowd:** 6,383. **Referee:** D Dwight

Cautions: D Kim (AF) 35.

Red Card: W Aldone (PP) 75.

Teams: **Adelaide Force:** Lihou, Tobin, Mori, Sabljak, Vidmar, Rodrigues (Veart 75), Day (Zelic 89), Cartwright, Costanzo, Hassell, Kim.

Parramatta Power: Crews, Santalab, Eagleton, Plesa (Griffiths 57), Vrkic (Townsend 80), Burns, Ardone, Gibson, (Berry 80), Sterjovski, Blagojevic, Bennett.

Canberra Cosmos

Brisbane Strikers

(P Foster 87)

Venue: Bruce Stadium. **Crowd:** 2,804. **Referee:** J Blaney.

Cautions: C Gonzalez (CC) 38. (BS)

Teams: **Canberra Cosmos:** Barlow, Hooker, Popovich, Burt, Polak, Arranz, Castro (Milin 32), Gonzalez, Watkins, Musitano (De Jesus 63), Kolpak (James 63).

Brisbane Strikers: Bolton, Gwynne, Stefanutto (Bell 75), Davidson, Ditton, Pilic, Foster, Dwyer, McLaren, Harris, Meredith.

Northern Spirit

Newcastle Breakers

(G Owens 15, P Juchniewicz 89)

Venue: North Sydney Oval. **Crowd:** 12,733. **Referee:** M Breeze.

Cautions: S Pryce (NB) 39, M Rudan (NS) 47, P Juchniewicz (NB) 89.

Teams: **Northern Spirit:** Henderson, Langdon, Bingley, Rudan (Catanzaro 78), Slater, Seal, Zane, Cranney, Bilokapic (Cunico 66), Sobczyk, Crook.

Newcastle Breakers: Catlin, Pryce, Roberts, McManus, Sprod, Dodd, Wilson, Buonavoglia (Juchniewicz 85), Owens (Tomich 73), Trpcevski (Angievski 70), Harper.

Wollongong Wolves

Sydney Olympic

(P Cardozo 7 Pen, 70, 80, Z Arambasic 28)

Venue: Brandon Park **Crowd:** 5,021. **Referee:** G Connolly.

Cautions: Scott Thomas (SO) 2, N Spencer (WW) 25, P Zorbas (SO) 61, P Cardozo (SO) 79.

Teams: **Wollongong Wolves:** Beltrame, Souris, Stanton, Horsley, Surjan, Chipperfield, Harlock (Reid 46), Spencer (Dimoski 75), Petrovski, Huxley (D Cervinski 85), Masi

Sydney Olympic: Bouhoutsos, Thomas, Tsekenis, Baillie, Juric, Arambasic (N Carle 73), Phillips, Cardozo, Emerton, Wilson, Zorbas (Mendez 79).

Gippsland Falcons

(D Fak 78)

Sydney United

(A Moric 60)

Venue: Falcons Stadium. **Crowd:** 1,953. **Referee:** C Diomis.

Cautions: V Savoca (SU) 34, A Moric (SU) 37, A Vargas (GF) 59.

Red Card: R Younis (SU) 83.

Teams: **Gippsland Falcons:** Jedjevic, Fak, Gotis, MacNichol, Vargas, Bell, Puca, Hutchison, Savage, Marcina, Nilo, Kakos, Hastie, Katz.

Sydney United: Crawley, Younis, Kupresak, Bosnar, Savocca, Arrarte, Jerman, Moric, Pondeljok, Rastalll, Moric, Racker, Zec, Genc.

Auckland Kingz

(A Silva 32)

South Melbourne

Venue: North Harbour Stadium. **Crowd:** 4,500 **Referee:** M Shield.

Cautions: A Silva (AK) 32, F De Amicis (SM) 50, Perry (AK) 51, de Jong (AK) 59, Curcija (SM) 62, Coveny (SM) 85, G Goutzoulis (SM) 87.

Red Card: R Liparoti (SM) 62.

Teams: **Auckland Kingz:** Batty, Perry, Moya, Bunce, Vicelich, Middleby (Jackson, 70), Osman, Ngata, Mennillo (Stergiopoulos, 70); de Jong, Silva (Suri, 64).

South Melbourne: Jones, Iosifidis, DeAmicis, Blatsis (Orlic 58), Clarkson, Panopoulos, Coveny, Trimboli (Goutzoulis 74), Curcija (Magnacca 62), Lozanovski, Liparoti.

Melbourne Knights

Perth Glory

(P Magdic og 16, C Boutzianis 70, B Despotovski 75)

Venue: Knights Stadium **Crowd:** 3,360. **Referee:** S Micallef.

Cautions: J Rajher (MK) 6, M reda (MK) 30, J Hamwell (PG) 33, J Vukadin (MK) 44.

Teams: **Melbourne Knights:** John, Rajher (76), Vargas, Vukadin, Silic, Nastevski, Kelic, Urlovic, Magdic (58), Susa, Reda (71). Bench: Banini, Kovacevic, Vassallo.

Perth Glory: Franken, Trajkovski, Miller (Thorp 85), Naven, Hamwell, Edgar, Halpin (Valle 75), Ergic, Edwards (Carbone 59), Despotovski, Boutisianis.

Marconi Stallions

Carlton SC

(A Thompson 40, J Tricarico 71, D McPherson 81, Marth 86 Pen)

Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 6,219. **Referee:** B Hugo.

Cautions: B Renaud (MS) 24, D McDonald (MS) 26.

Red Card: D Aceski (MS) 86.

Teams: **Marconi Stallions:** Aceski, Gibson, Babic, Kim (Smith 67), Longo, Renaud, Invincible, McDonald, Zoric (Farah 62), S.Babic (Karl 26), Trajanovski.

Carlton: Anastasiadis, McPherson, Douglas, Deans, Tricarico, Lapsansky, Marth, Atkinson, Packer, Thompson, Conroy (Moriera 75).

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Z Babic	(Marconi Stallions)	3
C Boutisianis	(Perth Glory)	3
P Cardozo	(Sydney Olympic)	3
A Marth	(Carlton SC)	3
P Bennett	(Parramatta Power)	2
M Curcija	(Sth Melbourne)	2
B Despotovski	(Perth Glory)	2
P Foster	(Brisbane Strikers)	2
M. Jerman	(Sydney United)	2
E Masi	(Wollongong Wolves)	2
A Moreira	(Carlton SC)	2
D Mori	(Adelaide Force)	2
D Watkins	(Canberra Cosmos)	2
S Baillie	(Sydney Olympic)	1
C Bell	(Gippsland Falcons)	1

ROUND FOUR

Friday 22 October

Parramatta v Canberra
Parramatta Stadium 7.30pm

Carlton SC v Melbourne K
Olympic Park 7.30pm

Newcastle v Auckland
Breakers Stadium 7.30pm

Saturday 23 October

Brisbane v Northern Spirit
Suncorp Metway Stadium 7.30pm

Sunday 24 October

Perth Glory v Adelaide
Perth Oval 3pm

Sydney United v Marconi
Sydney United Sports Centre 3pm

Sth Melbourne v Gippsland
Bob Jane Stadium 6pm

Sydney Olympic v Wollongong Wolves
Belmore Sports Ground 6.30pm